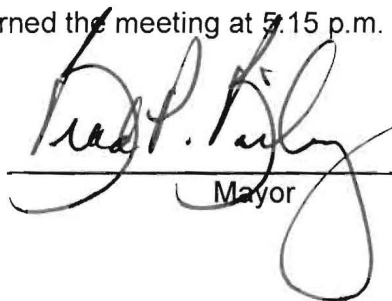


A special meeting of the Groves City Council was held March 23, 2020 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Brad Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Chris Borne, and Councilmember Karen Theis in attendance. Councilmember Kyle Hollier was not in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

CONSIDER EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF GROVES, TEXAS, THAT WAS ORDERED ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS DUE TO COVID-19: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Resolution No. 2020-08, reading the caption as follows: "A resolution by the City Council of Groves, Texas, extending the Declaration of Disaster in the City of Groves proclaimed by the Mayor on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 418.108(b), for a duration of thirty (30) days from date hereof." Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-08 extending the Declaration of Disaster for the City of Groves, Texas ordered on March 16, 2020 for an additional thirty (30) days and Councilmember Theis seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion and Councilmember Theis asked if the declaration would last until April 23, 2020. Councilmember Borne stated that the City's declaration will extend past the County's declaration which ends on April 13, 2020, but that he felt the County could extend theirs. Mayor Bailey stated that he hoped Groves could rescind the declaration before April 23, 2020 and Fire Chief Lance Billeaud agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Borne asked Chief Billeaud if he had heard of any more restrictions (regarding COVID-19 quarantines). City Marshal Norman Reynolds reported that he had heard unofficially from the Texas Department of Public Safety that the quarantine will continue for thirty (30) days. Chief Billeaud stated that this is the second week since local students returned from a trip to Disney World and that the next three to four weeks will be pivotal. He stated that he had put out a memo to City employees asking them to abide by the County Judge's order and to stay within their own group (family) and not socialize due to the fact that if employees bring the virus into the City it could create problems with the workforce.

There was no further discussion and Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk