

City of Morgantown

SPECIAL MEETING

July 14, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held via Webex on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7:35 a.m.

To protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, personal attendance at the meeting was not be permitted. When it was time, the public participated by videoconference at the following link: <https://cityofmorgantown.my.webex.com/meet/cityofmorgantown> with meeting number (access code) 793 734 477, or by calling in at the following number 408-418-9388 and using the access code 793 734 477.

PRESENT: Via Webex Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli, City Attorney Ryan Simonton, City Clerk Christine M. Wade, Mayor Ron Dulaney, Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, and Council Members Zackary Cruze, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, Dave Harshbarger, and Barry Wendell.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dulaney.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CURRENT STATE OF COVID INFECTION AND RESPONSE IN THE COUNTY –**
B. LEE B. SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MONONGALIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Lee B. Smith, Executive Director of Monongalia County Health Department provided an overview of the current situation within the city and county.

- C. Consideration of EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OR OTHER ACTION OF COUNCIL REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC** (It is anticipated that this matter may be discussed in executive session as permitted by WV State Code Section 6-9A-4(b)(1)(12))

The following public health measures went into effect at 12:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020.

- All individuals age 9 years and over within the City of Morgantown are required to wear an adequate face covering when confined, indoor spaces, other than when in one's residence or when actively engaged in the consumption of food and/or beverage, and when they are not able to adequately social distance from other individuals. Violation of this article will result in a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$500.
- Any business identified by the Monongalia County Health Department to have three new cases of COVID – 19 will be required to close and do a deep cleaning of the premises. The location may open following an inspection by the Health Department. Violation of this article will result in a fine no less than \$25 and no more than \$500. Additional infections identified by the Mon County Health Department may require longer closures or additional protections.

The Morgantown Police Department will enforce the Emergency Ordinance. Any fine

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would be imposed by Morgantown Municipal Court if a person is convicted of a violation.

The mask requirement stated in Article II of the Emergency Ordinance is consistent with the Governor's Executive Order 50-20, which was issued on July 6, 2020. Article III of the Emergency Ordinance is meant to complement an order issued by the Monongalia County Health Department, which went into effect at 12:00 a.m. on July 15, 2020.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Fetty, second by Councilor Kawecki, to approve the Emergency Ordinance after amendment to change the fine amount from \$500 to \$25 - \$500. After discussion, motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, motion by Councilor Wendell, second by Councilor Cruze, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:20 a.m.


City Clerk


Mayor

