

**The Childress City Council met in Emergency Session Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Court of the Childress County Courthouse, Childress, TX 79201.**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Cary Preston</b>
<b>Aldermen</b>	<b>Marino Rodriquez Joshua Johnson Gary Clark John Preston Mike Dietrich (absent)</b>
<b>City Manager</b>	<b>Kevin Hodges</b>
<b>City Attorney</b>	<b>Steve Bird (absent)</b>

**Mayor led invocation.**

**County Officials, City Council, City Manager, Dr. David Shaefer, Dr. Dustin Pratt, Peter Jones, FNP-C, and Childress Regional Board Met, discussed and approved a disaster declaration for the County and City of Childress.**

**CITY OF CHILDRESS, TEXAS  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and**

**WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and**

**WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all cities in Texas; and**

**WHEREAS, Childress City, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and**

**WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF CHILDRESS CITY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Childress City, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.**

**SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7)days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the City Council of Childress City, Texas.**

**SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.**

**SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 41 B.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Childress City, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.**

**SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations,**

emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City rules and directives.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration hereby limits the spacing of tables to not less than 6 feet apart and no more than 6 people at a table. Restaurant booths must be staggered. Bar seating is not allowed.

**SECTION 7.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Childress City Council, shall continue in effect until terminated by the Childress Mayor. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the Childress Mayor at any time as deemed necessary.

**Motion to waive processing fees associated with credit cards until further notice made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.**

**Motion to waive late fees, penalties, and utility disconnections for non-payment until further notice made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.**

**Motion to halt hosting tournaments at StoneyRidge Golf Course and close Grill on the Green, while maintaining paid staff made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Preston. All Ayes.**

**Motion to cancel all gatherings and functions at the City Auditorium and Mashburn Event Center for 15 days/further notice made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.**

**With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 3:52 p.m**

**The minutes were read and approved the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2020.**

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**Cary Preston, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Kevin Hodges, City Manager**