

The Childress City Council met in Called Session Monday March 27th 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 315 Commerce St., Childress, TX 79201.

Mayor Cary Preston

**Aldermen Marino Rodriguez
Joshua Johnson
Gary Clark
John Preston
Mike Dietrich**

**City Manager Kevin Hodges
City Attorney Steve Bird**

Mayor led invocation.

Public Comment.

Motion to extend local Disaster Declaration made by Alderman Clark; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez.

**AMENDED ORDER OF
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

DATE ORDER ISSUED March 27, 2020

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, 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 counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Childress, the Mayor of Childress, Texas issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for the City of Childress, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the City Council of the City of Childress issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Childress County/City Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has acknowledged that cities and counties may need to enact more stringent measures to address this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the 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 AND ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHILDRESS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the City of Childress,
2. That the County's/City's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.

3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period until April 30, 2020, or until disaster has ended unless extended by consent of the City Council of the City of Childress, Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
5. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
6. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts provided however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order; or visiting gyms or massage parlors and game rooms; avoid gathering at playgrounds, basketball/ tennis/ handball courts in Fair Park & SW Park, the Pavilion in Fair Park, and racquetball courts at the Golf Course. Solicitors will not be allowed to perform business throughout the duration of this executive order.
7. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
8. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

Motion to approve the amendments to Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics made by Alderman Preston; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

Motion made by Alderman Clark, following City Attorney opinion, for the MDD to be governed by State Law and State law only; Seconded by Alderman Rodriguez. All Ayes.

With there being no further business, Council adjourned at 12:35 p.m

The minutes were read and approved the ____ day of June, 2020.

Cary Preston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kevin Hodges, City Manager