MINUTES OF THE WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL APRIL 1, 2020

The Wasatch County Council met in regular session electronically at 3:00 p.m. at the Wasatch County Administration Building, Heber City, Utah 84032 and the following business was transacted.

PRESENT:

Chair Danny Goode

Marilyn Crittenden Kendall Crittenden

Mark Nelson Spencer Park Jeff Wade Steve Farrell

OTHERS PRESENT:

No one present because of the COVID-19 Virus Problem.

PRAYER:

Councilman Steve Farrell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Kendall Crittenden and repeated by the Council electronically.

Chair Danny Goode called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. electronically and indicated that no public is present in the Wasatch County Council Room and then called the first agenda item electronically.

OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING AFFIDAVIT

The Open and Public Meeting Affidavit is made a part of the record

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Danny Goode asked if there are any administrative issues for future agendas and there was none.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Danny Goode asked if there are any legislative issues for future agendas and there was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC ISSUES FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Danny Goode indicated that we need to have a public comment period and what we will do for today to allow this throughout the meeting so that you can e-mail your public comment to publiccomment@wasatch.utah.gov which will come to my e-mail and that would be e-mailed today throughout the meeting. A time limit might be put on that with regard to other meetings but for today if there is a public comment that can be done by e-mail throughout the meeting and will make sure to address it during the meeting. If the e-mail comes after the meeting that could be made a part of the official record at a later day. Also we would like to leave the public comment open until Friday at 3:00 p.m. for the first meeting. Scott Sweat the Wasatch County Attorney, indicated that if it is just the general public comment period that isn't on anyone topic that could be left open for as long or as short as you wanted it and a decision doesn't need to be made afterwards as long as it is forwarded to Wasatch County at some point and then put in the packet as part of the record. Chair Danny Goode indicated that we will leave it for now as has been discussed and then possibly adjust the public comment period in the next meeting and figure out what is the best way to handle this matter electronically and this is regarding just general public comment.

COUNCIL

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 20-02 AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE 52-4-207.

Scott Sweat, the Wasatch County Attorney, addressed the Wasatch County Council Electronically and indicated that this is a resolution authorizing public bodies in Wasatch County to hold electronic meetings pursuant to the Utah State Code. The Governor of the State of Utah issued the executive order which gave us the right to hold electronic meetings. Wasatch County then decided to pass Resolution 20-02 which would make it possible for the meetings to be by electronic means which complies with Utah State Code 52-4-207. Chair Danny Goode indicated that with regard to Section 2 (B) the Council members may elect at their discretion to be electronically present and if there is a pattern with regard to this then that could be readdressed in the future.

Councilwoman Marilyn Crittenden made a motion that we pass this Resolution 20-02 to allow us to use technology to have meetings. Councilman Steve Farrell seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Danny Goode AYE: Kendall Crittenden AYE: Marilyn Crittenden AYE: Mark Nelson AYE: Spencer Park AYE: Steve Farrell AYE: Jeff Wade

NAY: None.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION CHANGING APRIL 8, 2020 WORK MEETING TO A REGULAR MEETING.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made the motion that we consider next week's meeting April 8, 2020 as a regular meeting rather than a work meeting. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Danny Goode AYE: Kendall Crittenden AYE: Marilyn Crittenden AYE: Mark Nelson AYE: Spencer Park AYE: Jeff Wade

NAY: None.

AYE: Steve Farrell

UPDATE FROM THE WASATCH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Randall Probst, the Wasatch County Health Department Director, addressed the Wasatch County Council electronically and indicated that the number of COVID-19 cases are up today and now at 57. As to who is getting COVID-19 more between men and women the trend is very close. Randall Probst indicated that the social distancing is very important with getting this problem under control. Also the next two weeks is very critical in seeing how the precautionary measures are working like washing hands, not touching your face, six foot distancing, no group gatherings, etc. Also at the present time the numbers in the State of Utah are gradually climbing. Also there has been a lot of calls coming in concerning this and we welcome those calls.

Our "Stay at Home" order is effective today and is for two weeks. The Governor of the State of Utah has issued an order regarding that rent deferment can be asked for between now and May 15, 2020 and no eviction notices could be issued during that period of time as well. Also if there is a financial need for unemployment assistance to apply as quickly as possible for such a benefit and that should be done online. There are loans and benefits for small businesses that could be looked at in obtaining if such a need arises and that certainly could be discussed in the Wasatch County

Council meeting at a future agenda. Also in the Governor's order he has indicated that people should not go to parks outside of their county in which they reside. Also if a person is tested positive then that person quarantines themselves and if that occurs in a family then the person should isolate and quarantine themselves also. Randall Probst indicated that as long as a service is deemed essential such as people coming to the land fill to dump garbage or trash that would be alright because that certainly is essential but just practice there the precautions that has been outlined. Also as people pay at the window make sure that things are regularly disinfected such as card readers, etc. The Wasatch County Council then thanked Randall Probst for what he is doing in handling this COVID-19 problem.

Randall Probst indicated that the important thing is for people to stay home and find as many things that can be done at home and avoid going other places as much as possible and practicing these precautionary measures for two weeks or as long as necessary which will make a big dent in this COVID-19 problem. The goal is to keep people away from each other to keep this virus from being transmitted. Randall Probst also thanked all the first responders and those on the front line for the work that they are doing.

COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS

Councilman Kendall Crittenden asked if this type of electronic meetings will be held with regard to the SSD's meetings. Chair Danny Goode indicated that Dustin Grabau, the Assistant Wasatch County Manager, possibly could see that would take place because he has been instrumental in helping the Council with their electronic meetings.

Councilman Kendall Crittenden indicated that the transit committee met today which was a great meeting and discussion. Also the different agencies involved shared their ideas. Those notes will be made available to us and when I get those will see that those ideas from the different agencies will be given to the members of the Wasatch County Council.

Chair Danny Goode indicated that the Town of Hideout would like to be included in these SSD meetings. Councilman Mark Nelson and Jan McCosh, from Hideout will make sure that request is carried out.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mike Davis, the Wasatch County Manager, addressed the Wasatch County Council electronically and indicated that he has nothing further to add.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Kendall Crittenden made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Mark Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carries with the following vote:

AYE: Chair Danny Goode AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Marilyn Crittenden

AYE: Mark Nelson AYE: Spencer Park AYE: Jeff Wade

AYE: Steve Farrell

NAY: None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Danny Goode / Chairman

Calvin L. Griffiths

Clerk / Auditor