



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

March 26, 2020

SUBJECT: Council consideration and adoption of Resolution No. 14-20 Ratifying the March 23, 2020 Proclamation of a Local Emergency in the City of Wheatland

PREPARED BY: Jim Goodwin, City Manager

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. 14-20 as presented.

Background/Discussion

Earlier this month both the State of California and Yuba County declared emergencies related to the COVID 19 pandemic impacting the globe. As of this date, Yuba County has three (3) confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Yuba County and has confirmed evidence that community transmission of the virus is occurring in the Yuba Sutter region.

Although Wheatland is covered by these broader emergency declarations, it is prudent for the City to declare the existence of a local emergency. Once declared, the local emergency will remain in effect until the City Council, by resolution, declares an end to the local emergency.

Under Wheatland Municipal Section 2.28, Emergency Organization, the Mayor is the Director of Emergency Services and has the authority to declare a local emergency. The Mayor's Proclamation declaring an emergency in effect as of Monday, March 23, 2020 is attached. Resolution No. 14-20 ratifies the Proclamation.

Alternatives

The City Council may choose not to adopt Resolution No. 14-20 and terminate the local emergency.

Fiscal Impact

The local emergency declaration may enhance the City's ability to seek state and/or federal aid which may become available due to the emergency.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 14-20
2. March 23 Proclamation of a Local Emergency

CITY OF WHEATLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 14-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND
PROCLAIMING
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Sections 8558(c) and 8630 of the California Government Code authorize proclamation of a local emergency when the City is affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the city, caused by the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 8558, the Governor of the State of California declared a statewide COVID 19 emergency on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County of Yuba declared a local emergency in the Yuba County Operational Area, including the City of Wheatland, on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Wheatland issued a proclamation on March 25, 2020 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services requests that the City Council of the City of Wheatland ratify the March 25, 2020 proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Wheatland; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinance and resolutions of this City, and the City's Emergency Operations Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to request financial assistance from the State of California and the Federal Government on behalf of the City of Wheatland and the residents of the City of Wheatland; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Wheatland, State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Wheatland City Council at a Special meeting on March 26, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Rick West, Mayor

Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Wheatland as follows:

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, particularly Government Code Sections 8558(c) and 8630, authorize the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city exist; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.28.050 (a) of the Wheatland Municipal Code designates the Mayor as the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Wheatland; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.28.060(a)(1) of the Wheatland Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session: and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Wheatland does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said city, caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, at which time the City Council was not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wheatland is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Wheatland; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances and resolutions of this City; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that all City officers and employees take all steps requested by the City Manager to qualify for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), from the state as part of the State Emergency Management System (SEMS), and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the City Council shall take action to ratify this proclamation within seven (7) days or the local emergency shall not remain in effect.

March 25, 2020

BY: _____



Rick West, Mayor
Director of Emergency Services
City of Wheatland