

On March 31, 2020, The City of Richfield held a Special Emergency Meeting at 5:00 P.M., at the Richfield City Office.

The meeting was posted 24 hours before meeting was held. The meeting was held VIA Tele Communications by dialing 1-888-740-4219, guest code of 575859.

Mayor Tom Naylor and City Clerk Lu Ann Swainston were at the City Office.

Mayor Tom Naylor called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Call in by Councilman Leaven Hatch present, Councilman Mark Whitesell present, and Councilman Annie West present. Mayor Tom Naylor was present. Absent from the call in was Councilman Levi Long.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Approve the Agenda by voice vote: Councilman Mark Whitesell made the motion to approve the agenda as posted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Annie West. Councilman Leaven Hatch yes, Councilman Mark Whitesell yes, and Councilman Annie West yes. Motion Carried.

The special emergency meeting was called to ratify the Declaration of Emergency COVID-19 for the City of Richfield that was filed with Lincoln County Recorder March 26, 2020, Instrument # 202636. The declaration was sent to the legal newspaper for the City of Richfield to be printed in the next issue of The Courier News. The notice was put on the City of Richfield web site: ([cityofrichfield.us](http://cityofrichfield.us)) and posted at the City Office.

The declaration was posted at the U.S. Post Office.

Mayor Naylor read the Declaration of Emergency in its entirety for the record.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**CITY COUNCIL CITY OF RICHFIELD AFFIRMATION TO LOCAL EMERGENCY  
CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Idaho have declared a health emergency related to the threat of COVID-19 and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Idaho Code 46-1011 the Mayor of the City of Richfield as declared a local disaster emergency on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, due to the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, said declaration sets forth legal and factual considerations in support of such declaration, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Richfield recognized the imminent threat of widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors to the City of Richfield as addressed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and by actions of the Governor of the State of Idaho, and

**WHEREAS**, such declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency referenced herein exists because of the contagious nature and potentially serious consequences of the COVID-19 virus for residents and visitors to The City of Richfield and requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life, health and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code 67-2808 authorizes the council of the City of Richfield to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency declarations must be filed with county recorder's office and "given prompt and general publicity."

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Richfield does hereby declare:

That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of The City of Richfield through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

That this Local Disaster Emergency shall continue until the Center for Disease Control and the Governor of the State of Idaho sound an end to the emergency and the city Council expressly authorizes the discontinuance of such Declaration; and

Pursuant to this resolution the following steps are expressly authorized in furtherance of the foregoing emergency declaration:

- Closing of the City Office
- Utility Bills maybe paid by dropping payment through drop box on the front door of the City Office or mailing payments to The City of Richfield. (If paying with cash we will be unable to make change for you).
- Authorizing the Mayor, in consultation the Council President, to establish other administration policies necessary to protect the public health and safety.
- Please contact the City Office at 208 487-2755, for any City business or information.

That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency ("Declaration") shall be promptly filed with the Lincoln County Recorder's Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Richfield this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Tom Naylor Mayor

Lu Ann Swainston City Clerk

Councilman Leaven Hatch made the motion to ratify the Declaration of Emergency, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mark Whitesell.

By Voice vote:

Councilman Hatch yes

Councilman Whitesell yes

Councilman West yes

Motion Carried.

Councilman Leaven Hatch made the motion to adjourn the tele communication meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mark Whitesell at 5: 10 P.M.

By Voice Vote:

Councilman Hatch yes

Councilman Whitesell yes

Councilman West yes

Mayor Naylor adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor Tom Naylor

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City Clerk Lu Ann Swainston