

City of Choctaw
Special City Council Meeting No. 11
April 29, 2020 @ 6:00pm
Choctaw City Hall, 2500 N Choctaw Road
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020

In accordance with Senate bill 661, which temporarily modified the Open Meeting Act as approved by Governor Stitt on March 18, 2020, the Choctaw City Council will host a virtual meeting option until the State of Emergency is lifted. Please join us using either option.

Teleconference dial in number: +1 301 715 8592

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Meeting Password: 030037

Join Meeting:

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- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Roll Call.**
Mayor Randy Ross, Council Members Chad Williams, Mike Birdsong, Jeannie Abts, Roger Malone, Steve Krieske and Dale Gill will be attending the meeting via teleconference.
- 4. Business Agenda:** The following items are hereby designated for discussion and consideration which requires individual action.
 - 4.1** COVID-19 discussion and possible action on emergency declaration.
- 5. Adjournment:**

This agenda was posted in prominent public view at Choctaw City Hall on or prior to 5:00pm on April 24, 2020 in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Amanda Valent, City Clerk

THE CITY OF CHOCTAW ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION FROM ALL ITS CITIZENS. IF PARTICIPATION AT ANY PUBLIC MEETING IS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO A DISABILITY, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CITY CLERK AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING SO THAT NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE. ACCESS TO RESTROOMS DURING THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO CITY STAFF.

Resolution 20-13

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF CHOCTAW

WHEREAS, the City of Choctaw passed and adopted Resolution No. 20-09 on April 7, 2020 amending the declaration of a State of Emergency for the City of Choctaw until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Stitt published Open Up and Recover Safely, a three-phase approach to open Oklahoma's economy, on April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, based on scientific modeling from public health experts the three-phase approach is intended to mitigate the risk of resurgence, protect Oklahoma's most vulnerable citizens and is intended for businesses and individuals to utilize in conjunction with guidance from the OKC-County Health Department, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health and Mental Health will confirm prior to proceeding to a new phase that Oklahoma COVID-19 hospitalizations and incidents are at a manageable level, that hospitals are treating all patients without alternate care sites, that there is sufficient testing material in the state and ability to conduct contact tracing, and that the state can quickly and independently supply sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and critical medical equipment to handle the surge.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RANDY ROSS, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION 1: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Choctaw, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma pursuant to Title 63 O.S. §24-683.1 et al, the Oklahoma Emergency Act of 2003.

SECTION 2: This proclamation shall become effective immediately upon signature by the Mayor.

SECTION 3: The following shall be implemented on the effective date of this resolution:

- a) Phase 1 - May 1, 2020:
 - The following businesses/facilities can reopen and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce:
 - i. Personal care businesses, such as hair salons, barbershops, spas, nail salons, and pet groomers can reopen for appointments only and must adhere to guidance provided by the Oklahoma Cosmetology Board
 - ii. State parks and outdoor recreation to include City-owned basketball courts, golf courses, playgrounds, playground equipment, fitness courts and fitness equipment, and disc golf facilities

- iii. Grocery stores should continue to maintain hours for vulnerable populations
 - iv. Restaurants, dining establishments and entertainment (dining establishments should have tables with no more than 6 seated and six feet apart from each table)
 - v. Gyms
 - vi. Libraries
 - vii. Places of worship can reopen for in-person meetings or worship if they leave every other row or pew open, excluding children's nursery areas, and provide hand sanitizer stations and masks if available
 - Individual Guidance:
 - i. Continue following safer-at-home for those over 65 or part of a vulnerable population
 - ii. Continue to maintain physical distancing from others when in public
 - iii. Avoid socializing in groups or facilities that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing
 - Employer Guidance:
 - i. Create plans to allow employees to return to work in phases
 - ii. Close common areas or enforce physical distancing protocols
 - iii. Honor requests of personnel who are members of a vulnerable population for special accommodations
 - iv. Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited
- b) Phase 2 - May 15, 2020:
- The following businesses/facilities can reopen and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce:
 - i. Bars
 - ii. Wedding and funerals may be held with physical distancing and other preventative measures in place
 - iii. Children's nursery areas in places of worship
 - iv. Park pavilion rentals
 - v. Restrooms at City-owned park facilities
 - vi. City-owned sports fields and facilities
 - vii. Organized sports/camps
 - viii. Garage Sales
 - Individual Guidance:
 - i. Continue following safer-at-home for those over 65 or part of a vulnerable population
 - ii. Continue to maintain physical distancing from others when in public
 - iii. Avoid socializing in groups or facilities that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing
 - Employer Guidance:
 - i. Close common areas or enforce physical distancing protocols
 - ii. Honor requests of personnel who are members of a vulnerable population for special accommodations

- iii. Visits to senior living facilities are prohibited
- c) Phase 3 – June 1, 2020:
 - Individual Guidance:
 - i. Continue following safer-at-home for those over 65 or part of a vulnerable population
 - ii. Continue to maintain physical distancing from others when in public
 - iii. Avoid socializing in groups or facilities that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing
 - Employer Guidance:
 - i. Can resume unrestricted staffing of worksites
 - ii. Visits to senior living facilities should still be prohibited
- d) City of Choctaw’s Administrative, Public Works and Public Safety facilities can reopen on May 4, 2020 and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- e) Traffic and Juvenile Court can reopen on May 18, 2020 and must adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- f) Meetings of all City of Choctaw boards, commissions and committees will remain open to the public, but Zoom meetings will be utilized for the duration of the emergency while continuing to adhere to sanitation and physical distancing protocols and CDC-recommended guidelines from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce
- g) Special event permits for gatherings, meetings and events shall not be issued until the expiration of the emergency declaration
- h) Utility cut-off for non-payment is hereby suspended for the duration of the emergency. Customers unable to make timely payment should make contact with the City Utility Department to set up a payment arrangement on their account
- i) Utilities, Court, Licenses and Permit payments can be paid by mail, phone, on-line or placed in the drop box outside City Hall for the duration of the emergency
- j) The City Manager and/or designee shall be authorized to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to protect public or private property from further harm or damage for the duration of the emergency

PROCLAIMED THIS 29th Day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Amanda Valent, City Clerk

Randy Ross, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality this 29th day of April, 2020.

Ray Vincent, City Attorney