

NOTICE OF AN EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

CITY OF AMES, LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS

MARCH 23, 2020 @ 11:00 A.M.

DIAL-IN # 872-240-3412 access code 710-540-701 followed by the # key

Notice is hereby given of an EMERGENCY City Council Meeting of the Ames City Council to be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 11:00 AM, to consider the following agenda of items.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REGULAR SESSION

2020-01: CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE MAY 2, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TO NOVEMBER 2020 IN ACCORDANCE TO GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT'S DECLARATION OF DISASTER.

2020-02: CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING AND MODIFYING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATE

I CERTIFY THAT A COPY OF THE March 23, 2020 agenda of items to be considered by the City Council of the City of Ames was posted on the City of Ames' Website and FRONT DOOR of the Ames City Hall on or before 5:00 P.M. This notice will remain so posted until after said meeting is held.



Lillie Bernard, City Secretary

I CERTIFY that this notice and agenda of items of items to be considered by the Ames City Council was removed by me from the FRONT DOOR of the Ames City Hall on the _____ day of March, 2020 @ _____ AM/PM

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NOTICE OF MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:

In accordance with order of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of Council of the City of Ames will conduct a meeting scheduled at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 23, 2020 in the City Council Chamber, by telephone conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meeting (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Corona virus (COVID-19). (There will be no public access to the location described above).

This written notice, the meeting agenda, and agenda packet, are posted online @cityofamestexas.com

The public toll-free dial-in number to participate in the telephonic meeting is **872-240-3412** **access code 710-540-701 followed by # key**

The public will be permitted to offer comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephonic meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon request.

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**OFFICE OF THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR / VOTER REGISTRAR
THE COUNTY OF LIBERTY**

TO: Local Jurisdictions of Liberty County
FROM: Klint D. Bush, Elections Administrator
DATE: March 18, 2020
RE: Local Elections for May 2, 2020

My office, in communications with the Liberty County Judges Office and based on the Governor of Texas Proclamation dated March 18, 2020, allows for the postponement of the May 2 Uniform Elections to November 3, 2020. Under the current health concerns and guidance from county leadership and CDC advisories, my office will have trouble staffing elections if held in May. Primarily the age group that is at most risk from COVID-19 is the primary workforce that staffs elections around Texas and in Liberty County. This recommendation has not come lightly, but one that my office is strongly recommending to each of my contracted local jurisdictions. I do need you to act swiftly in codifying this recommendation. We do need a vote of each local authorities governing body to post notice of the change. The Governor did suspend Texas election law to facilitate this change. We are in the middle of a public health crisis that is rapidly changing. Through this crisis, our primary concern is the health and safety of voters, election workers, and our local election officials. Holding an election in four weeks is not recommended.

If my office can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Bush", written over a white background.

Klint Bush
Liberty County Elections Administrator
Voter Registrar