



**Minutes of the
Millcreek City Council
March 16, 2020
2:00 p.m.
Emergency Meeting**

The City Council of Millcreek, Utah, met in a public emergency meeting on March 16, 2020 at City Hall, located at 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, UT 84106.

PRESENT:

Council Members

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor
Silvia Catten, District 1
Dwight Marchant, District 2
Cheri Jackson, District 3
Bev Uipi, District 4 (arrived at 2:12 p.m.)

City Staff

John Geilmann, City Manager
John Brems, City Attorney
Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder
Rita Lund, Communications Director
Francis Lilly, Planning and Zoning Director
Kurt Hansen, Legislative Policy Director
John Miller, City Engineer
Mike Winder, Economic Development Director

Attendees: No public attendees.

WORK MEETING – 2:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 2:02 p.m.

Mayor Silvestrini called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. He said the emergency meeting was called with the consent of all members of the Council. He wanted to call an emergency meeting that day since the Council was already gathering for a special meeting and so they could discuss matters that would make it easier for staff to function during the state of emergency. The Mayor declared Millcreek in a state of emergency last week when word was received that there was a possibility of exposure of Millcreek schools to a person who had tested positive for COVID-19. A state of emergency principally qualifies Millcreek to qualify for federal and state assistance to offset expenses the City might incur in dealing with an emergency and attracts members of the community to respond in an appropriate manner to limit the spread of disease. He encouraged residents to follow guidelines of washing hands and practicing social distancing. If residents were symptomatic, he encouraged them to call the health care provider before going to a clinic to allow time for the clinic to prepare to receive them without endangering other people. Symptoms of COVID-19 are high fever, dry cough, and difficulty breathing. He said there was no need to hoard supplies from the grocery stores, especially bottled water since the culinary water system was safe. He said useful resource links could be found on the City's website and the United Way had made available their 211 resource to be connected to virus assistance. The Salt Lake County Health Department declared a health state of emergency

and ordered the closure of restaurants and bars for dining in. He encouraged Millcreek residents to avoid unnecessary travel and exposure to slow the spread of the outbreak.

1. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 20-11, Ratifying and Confirming the Mayor’s Emergency Proclamation No. 1 of 2020 Declaring a Local State of Emergency; Millcreek State of Local Emergency Directive No. 1 of 2020 Concerning Conduct of Public Meetings During the Emergency; and Millcreek State of Local Emergency Directive No. 2 of 2020 Concerning Waiving the Requirement for the Presence of a Quorum at the Anchor Location of a Public Meeting During the Emergency

Mayor Silvestrini said the ordinance would permit the City Council and Planning Commission to meet by electronic means. The City had developed a way for video conferencing, to stream live meetings on the City’s website, and for the public to submit written comments via a form on the City’s website during the meetings. The City was acting pursuant to the emergency declaration and the two issued directives which allowed for separating people when they come to a public meeting and allowed for electronic meetings with no public body quorum present at the anchor location. He said it was important that nobody panic and to deal with the situation rationally and calmly. Council Member Jackson appreciated the directives. Mayor Silvestrini said City Hall was open for business though many services could be done online, and the public could participate in meetings online via the City’s website. He added that public safety would still be on duty and would respond to calls. Council Member Uipi asked about allowing staff to flex their schedules. John Geilmann said the City was already allowing it. Mayor Silvestrini said the City was also in close contact with Unified Command with the County and other cities in the State.

Council Member Marchant moved to adopt Ordinance 20-11. Council Member Uipi seconded. The City Recorder called for the vote. All Council Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED: Council Member Uipi moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Council Member Jackson seconded. Mayor Silvestrini called for the vote. All Council Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED: _____ **Date**
Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor

Attest: _____
Elyse Sullivan, City Recorder