

5:00 p.m., Friday October 30, 2020, the Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor John Hardy. Present were council members Rebecca Albert, Blake Gottbreht and Hovi Mitchell via telephone conference call. Absent was council member Paula Wilkie.

Others Present: Daryl Cameron- Police Chief, William Poitra-Sergeant, Carolynn Orey-City Auditor, Kevin Sheridan-Deputy Auditor, Barbara Frydenlund and Renae Henderson-Rolette County Public Health, Phyllis and Ted Harrington, John Rosinski-TM Star,

COVID-19-City response to rising case numbers

Mayor Hardy opened the meeting by asking for public and Council input on what the City’s plan moving forward should be due to the rising case numbers of COVID-19. Mayor Hardy stated that State leadership has put it onto local governments whether or not to enforce a mask mandate.

Council Member Gottbreht stated that wearing a mask is a personal responsibility and everyone has to do their part.

Police Chief Daryl Cameron indicated that a mask mandate is not arrestable or an infraction. Sergeant William Poitra and Police Chief Daryl Cameron agreed that wearing a mask is a personal responsibility.

City Auditor Carolynn Orey stated that several citizens come into City Hall without a mask. Mayor Hardy stated that a council motion is not needed to make masks required in City Hall.

Barbara Frydenlund, Rolette County Public Health said that people have not been personally responsible so it is too late to expect citizens to wear a mask. Renae Henderson stated that it is time for the City to follow suit with Rolette County and the Turtle Mountain reservation by mandating masks.

Phyllis Harrington does not have a problem with wearing a mask but she is against a mask mandate. She stated that it would be difficult to work behind the grill in her restaurant with a mask on.

Council Member Hardy made a motion to mandate masks in the City. Motion died for a lack of a second.

There being no further business, Mayor Hardy adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

John Hardy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolynn Orey, City Auditor