

City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record
March 25, 2020

Voting members in attendance: Dr. Mary Milroy, City Manager Amy Leon and Mayor Nathan Johnson.

Ex Officio members in attendance: City Attorney Ross Den Herder, Police Commander Jason Foote, Community Development Manager Brad Bies and Community and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo.

Leon began discussion about what may be next. Milroy suggested that consideration of a “shelter in place” order should wait until there is documented community spread. Mayor Johnson agreed. There may be value in starting to draft an ordinance that would support that if needed. There was discussion about what enforcement protocols would be if that next step is taken. Leon discussed possibly having a first reading and holding off on a second reading until an identified trigger point was reached.

Ross Den Herder was asked if a “shelter in place” order is within the city’s authority. He believes it is and he will check with Huron and Minnesota for examples. There needs to be a clear definition of the difference between “close all businesses” and “shelter in place” if we get to that point. The group’s opinion is that we are mostly discussing a “close all businesses” protocol rather than a “shelter in place” action like Minnesota used. There may even be a different, better term to use.

Discussed coordination with County. When we have confirmed community spread in Yankton County that conversation should expand.

The board discussed the possibility of the need to meet on short notice. The Health Board does not need to provide public notice so this should not be a problem. It may be wise to eventually schedule regular meetings in addition to possibly needing special meetings.

Commander Foote is going to discuss enforcement of these types of ordinances with other colleagues from around the area.

The next meeting is Monday, March 30, 2020 to discuss a draft ordinance for the next step if needed.

Leon suggested getting information from our local healthcare providers that manufacturers and other large employers can implement in their operations. The COVID 19 Task Force is already doing much of this.

There was no formal action taken today other than setting the next meeting for Monday, March 30, 2020 at 1:00PM, unless the board needs to meet sooner.

Meeting adjourned.