

City Health Board Meeting Discussion Record
March 30, 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 and Economic Development Director Dave Mingo.

Alternate Katie Huff also listened in.

There was general group discussion about the current situation.

Dr. Milroy asked for the opportunity to provide a clarification about what she discussed at the last meeting. She had stated how infectious the virus is but wanted to expand on that. The Coronavirus is determined to be more, almost twice, as contagious as the flu but the most concerning part is the death rate as it has the potential to be about 20 times more fatal.

Leon led the discussion about the revised version of the ordinance that will be considered by the City Commission tonight. Some things like chiropractors were listed as essential. Dog groomers, tanning salons and hair salons were added to the list of businesses to be closed. Staff will recommend the ordinance be adopted as is with any changes being considered at future meetings by resolution after we have had a chance to determine if the goals are being met.

Johnson and Milroy also stated their support of adopting the ordinance as is.

Ross Den Herder discussed the possibility of dog grooming be reconsidered at a future date. The Health Board recommendation did not include dog grooming as a closed business. Johnson suggested that consideration of a new ordinance in the future may make it a moot point.

Leon stated that staff is working on consideration of what is essential vs. non-essential. We will work with Den Herder to scope out a plan. One thing to consider is that some major employers are outside city jurisdiction, so county coordination would be advantageous.

Leon and Parks and Recreation Director Todd Larson would like the board's opinion about whether or not playground equipment should remain open. Leon thinks it should stay open with more regular cleaning and education for those that use it. The recommendation is for good hygiene before and after use. Milroy agrees that it should be left open. The equipment is in an open space, outdoors where temperatures, sun and other weather conditions reduce risk. Plus, we are telling people to get outside while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

Johnson discussed cell phone data tracking information. Mobility in Yankton County has decreased by 34 percent which is good but there is still room for improvement.

The board agreed that there may be ordinance changes down the road that could include reopening businesses but consideration of that will be over a month away.

The next meeting is April 2, 2020 at 4:00PM.

Meeting adjourned.