



# City of Onalaska Meeting Notice

**COMMITTEE/BOARD:** Special Common Council  
**DATE OF MEETING:** March 19, 2020 (Thursday)  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** City Hall – 415 Main Street (Common Council Chambers)  
**TIME OF MEETING:** 7:00 P.M.

## PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. PUBLIC INPUT: (limited to 3 minutes / individual)
3. **Resolution No. 20-2020** – For the Declaration of Emergency in the City of Onalaska
4. Closure of Building and Staffing
5. **CLOSED SESSION**  
 To consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons required a closed session:
  - Discussion and negotiation regarding the proposed Sanitary Sewer Agreement with the City of La Crosse

If any action is required in Open Session, as the result of the Closed Session, the Council will reconvene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or continue on with the printed agenda
6. Adjournment

### NOTICES MAILED TO:

*Mayor Kim Smith	_____
*Ald. Tom Smith	_____
*Ald. Jim Olson	_____
*Ald. Dan Stevens	_____
*Ald. Diane Wulf	_____
*Ald. Steven Nott	_____
*Vacant	_____
City Attorney	City Administrator
Dept Heads	La Crosse Tribune
Coulee Courier	_____
WKTY WLXR WLAX WKBT WXOW	_____
	Onalaska Public Library Onalaska Omni Center

\*Committee Members

Date Mailed & Posted: 3-18-2020

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## RESOLUTION NO. 20-2020

### A RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF ONALASKA

**WHEREAS**, a novel strain of the coronavirus, named COVID-19 has spread throughout numerous countries including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions created by the proclamation of these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Onalaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Onalaska in cooperation with the local, state and federal governmental entities desires to take action to prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article XI, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Statute Section 66.0101 Wisconsin's Home Rule Statute, Wisconsin Statute Sections 64.09, 64.11, 62.11(5), 66.0301, 66.0314, 323.14(2), 323.11, Chapter 323, and all other applicable and/or pertinent provisions of state, federal, and/or laws, and equity, granting emergency powers to municipalities and that empower the Common Council, to act in response to such emergency conditions under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the period of the emergency shall be limited by any Common Council resolution to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency power of the governing body and Chief Executive Officer conferred under Wisconsin Statute Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4), Chapter 323, Onalaska Code of Ordinances Sections 2-2-3, and all other applicable and/or pertinent provisions of state, federal, and/or law, includes the general authority to order, by ordinance, resolution, and/or proclamation whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, peace, tranquility welfare and good order of the city, village or town in the emergency and includes without limitation because of the enumeration the power to bar, restrict or remove all unnecessary traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, from the local highways, notwithstanding any provision of chs. 341 to 349 or any other provisions of law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Onalaska hereby determines that an emergency now exists in the City of Onalaska, Wisconsin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and City Administrator, working with Federal, State and other local authorities, to take all reasonable and necessary steps to prevent exposure to and/or spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus within the City of Onalaska including but not limited to those duties specified within Chapter 9 of the City's Municipal Code and Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution authorizes that Mayor and City Administrator and their designees to preserve peace and order and to allow the City Administrator to act in the interest of the community's health, safety, peace, welfare and good order, including allowing in addition to the Mayor, the City Administrator or his designee to be an authorized signatory on behalf of the City of Onalaska during this declaration of emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator or his designees in consultation with the Common Council President is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary and expedient to continue regular operations of the City of Onalaska including:

1. Authorizing purchases and accepting bids which would otherwise require approval of Council, so long as such purchases or bids meet all statutory and local code requirements;
2. Approving register of payments for invoices, payroll and other payments;
3. Authorizing temporary budget adjustments and transfers.

Any actions taken under this authorization shall be presented to Council for ratification as soon as practicable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Onalaska is suspending all committee meetings except the March 24, 2020 Planning Commission and any Police and Fire Commission meetings required by statute until further notice, Common Council will continue to meet at its regularly scheduled time.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Onalaska is waiving all payments from healthcare systems for City permitting that are related to the necessity of testing sites for the COVID-19 pandemic.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Employee travel for City business is suspended and any travel shall be subject to the following:

1. A 72-hour quarantine is required (beginning today) for any employee that has traveled out of the State of Wisconsin in the past 5 days or is currently traveling. The City will compensate you for any lost work days. This will not affect your vacation. Employees who are able shall work from home.
2. We are strongly encouraging employees to cancel any travel they have planned. To emphasize this, a 72-hour unpaid quarantine will be required for any employee who decides to travel outside of the State of Wisconsin for non-essential travel. If this type of travel applies to you, you are required to inform your Department Head. This takes effect for any travel on or after March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. An employee may choose to utilize vacation or personal days in lieu of the unpaid leave.
3. Employees are not prohibited from traveling outside of the State of Wisconsin for essential travel which is defined as travel to/from their homes, medical providers, or child care facilities and will not be subject to the 72 hour quarantine.



Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

**CITY OF ONALASKA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Smith, Mayor

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Caroline Burmaster, City Clerk

Passed:  
Approved:  
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