

**MINUTES**  
**FRITCH CITY COUNCIL CALLED SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020**  
**LIVE-STREAMED VIA CITY OF FRITCH-OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the National and State Declarations of Public Health Emergencies, and in accordance with the official opinions and recommendations of the Texas Office of the Attorney General and the Texas Office of the Governor, the City of Fritch City Council is closing this meeting to face-to-face interactions with the public. However, every effort is being made to maintain transparency while working to accomplish the public health goals.

All agenda items are subject to action. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

**1. Call to order.**

- Mayor Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Members present: Mayor Dwight Kirksey, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Robbins, Alderman Jonas Welch, Alderman Tom Ray, Alder Chris Pierce and Alderman Jim Story. Employees present: City Secretary Christina Athey and City Manager Drew Brassfield.

**2. Public Forum.** Citizens who would like to publicly address the City Council during this meeting are to call 806-395-9140. *Each individual will have a total of 3 minutes to make their statement. All other Open Meeting Act requirements remain (i.e. Council's response is still limited to referring the matter to staff, recitation of existing policy or statement of fact, or proposing the topic be placed on a future agenda, etc.).*

- No one called in for public forum.

**3. New Business**

**A. Discuss and take action to officially postpone City's General Election from May 2, 2020 to November 3, 2020.**

- Alderman Pierce made a motion to postpone the City's General Election to November 3, 2020 from May 2, 2020. Motion seconded by Alderman Welch. Vote: 5/0 – Passed

**B. Discuss and take action to renew or terminate the Local Disaster Declaration issued on March 20, 2020 for the City of Fritch.**

- Alderman Story made a motion to pass Resolution 2020-3, extending the Local Disaster Declaration for the duration of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency. Mayor Pro Tem Robbins seconded this motion. Vote: 5/0 – Passed.

**C. Discuss and take action regarding possible, temporary changes to City processes connected to utility bills, such as: late fees, disconnects, and reconnect fees.**

- City Manager Brassfield proposed that the City Council temporarily suspend the requirements of Chapter 13 of the City of Fritch Code of Ordinances that require a 10% late fee, a reconnection fee and disconnection of service for non-payment due to the current state of emergency caused by COVID-19. The Council discussed how the overall payment could not be suspended and that any account not paid would continue to accrue. Mayor Pro Tem Robbins motioned to suspend these requirements for the remainder of March and for April and that this subject be re-evaluated

at the April 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ray. Vote 5/0  
– Passed.

**4. Adjournment.**

- Mayor Kirksey adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm.

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**

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**Mayor Dwight Kirksey**

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**Christina Athey, City Secretary**