

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 29th, 2020
AT 2:00 P.M.
AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME CITY HALL
160 SOUTH 3RD EAST STREET

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ESTABLISH A QUORUM

DISCUSSION/DECISION on Fireworks Show. ACTION ITEM.

ADJOURN

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
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The Council of the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho, met at Mountain Home City Hall, 160 South 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho on June 29th, 2020. A quorum was established with, Councilman McCain, Councilman Brennan, Councilman Stokes, Councilman Bundy and Mayor Sykes being present at 2:00 P.M.

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Gina Pannell from Central District Health appeared by telephone. She said they are seeing an increase of cases in Elmore County.

Mayor Sykes asked Gina what her recommendation would be about having the fireworks display and letting citizens onto the golf course for the event.

Gina said they are seeing now that people have a hard time with social distancing guidelines, so while it wasn't a official recommendation from Central District Health she would say not to hold the gathering.

Mayor Sykes asked if herd immunity was something Idaho should be trying to achieve.

Gina said for Idaho to achieve herd immunity 55% of the population would have to get COVID and if that were to happen it would mean over a million cases in Idaho and the death rate is estimated to be between 80,000 and 90,000 people.

Councilman Stokes asked how long people would be asked to socially distance.

Gina said it wouldn't be forever but it would be awhile. She said the typical vaccine takes two to five years though they are trying to rush this vaccine so that it may only be a year.

Councilman Brennan asked if the City hired a pyrotechnician for the fireworks.

Fire Chief, Mark Moore said they have two pyrotechnicians on the Fire Department so they don't have to hire it out.

There was a discussion about the City Fireworks show planned for the 4th of July and whether the City should move forward with the show because of the uptick in Coronavirus cases throughout the state, and the fact that most of those other City's have cancelled their fireworks show which will push those possibly infected people to come here for our show.

Councilman McCain said if it was just Elmore County it would be one thing but if Mountain Home holds their fireworks show and it is one of the only ones in the state there will be a ton of out of county residents that come to Mountain Home for it.

Councilman Brennan said he would like to see the show continue; he felt the community needed something positive. Maybe if the golf course remained closed to people and they blocked off every other parking space at the golf course and people could stay in their cars and watch it.

Councilman Stokes said he would also like to see the show continue and people could park on North 18th East as well.

Councilman Bundy cautioned not to let this be an emotional decision. He said he knows how important the 4th of July is, but this decision needs to be about the health of the community and questioned how we would possibly have enough room for cars to park for people to watch.

Dan Dack from the Police Department said parking would become an issue if there were a lot of out of town guests.

Mayor Sykes said he liked the idea Councilman Stokes had where we postpone the fireworks until later in the year and use them to celebrate all the first responders in Elmore County.

Councilman Bundy said to him it is a safety issue and he preferred to be cautious.

Scott Conner, Police Chief said how would we possibly enforce people staying in their vehicles and if we are not going to enforce it then it would turn into a safety issue once people started calling dispatch about people being out of their vehicles. He also said if the show was postponed to a later date then there may be less people in attendance from other communities and it isn't just people at the show, it is all the other places they will visit while they're here that are concerning as well.

Councilman Bundy made a motion to postpone the 4th of July Fireworks Show and look at having them at a later date, possibly Patriot's Day on September 11th. Councilman McCain seconded the motion.


The following vote was recorded:

Councilman Stokes	NAY
Councilman McCain	AYE
Councilman Brennan	NAY
Councilman Bundy	AYE

The vote being a tie the Mayor voted AYE and, the motion was carried and so ordered.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M. by orders from the Mayor.


Rich Sykes, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nina Patterson, City Clerk

