

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS
10:00 A.M.
March 25, 2020
Held by Conference Call**

The Governing Body of the City of Paola, Kansas, met with Mayor Stuteville presiding.

Council Members present: Mayor Artie Stuteville and Council Members Dave Smail, Trent Upshaw, Leigh House and Aaron Nickelson.

Council Members Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Sid Fleming, Assistant City Manager Randi Shannon, City Clerk Stephanie Marler, City Attorney Lee Tetwiler, Brian McCauley with Miami County Republic, and others.

CALL TO ORDER: The special council meeting was called to order by Mayor Stuteville.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Stuteville and Council Members Smail, Upshaw, House and Nickelson were all present.

Agenda Item 1 – Consider adoption of Resolution 2020-006.

City Manager Fleming presented Resolution 2020-006 for Council consideration as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated this resolution would temporarily authorize the City Manager to make decisions in regard to personnel and City operations without the need to obtain Council approval for said action. The resolution grants authority to close City Facilities or suspend operations to secure the well-being and safety of City employees and the public at large. Manager Fleming will keep the Governing Body informed of actions taken.

Council Member Upshaw made a motion to adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; TEMPORARILY EXPANDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND RATIFYING PREVIOUS DECISIONS REGARDING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.** The motion was seconded by Council Member Smail and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Agenda Item 2 – ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to come before the Council, Council Member House made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nickelson and all voted aye. The motion passed 4 to 0.

ATTEST: [seal]

Artie Stuteville, Mayor

Stephanie Marler, City Clerk