

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16
A RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION
12.29 EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF A MAYOR-DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lewiston, Minnesota, (“City”) by proclamation dated September 7, 2021, has declared that a local emergency is in effect in the City;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lewiston agrees with the mayor’s determination and further finds that the local emergency will last for more than three days and that immediate action to respond to the local emergency is needed in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and the community;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lewiston, Minnesota, by proclamation dated September 8, 2021 has declared that all city meetings shall be held by telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statute, section 13D.021. If technology infrastructure allows, a "hybrid" format can be used, allowing some members of the public body, as well as members of the public, to appear in person, so long as current masking and social distancing requirements can be met;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that this emergency, which involves an outbreak of an infectious disease (COVID-19), is a highly fluid and evolving situation, and in the interest of the public health, a response or action may be needed that requires deviation from standard procedures for procuring goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §§ 12.29 and 12.37 authorize the actions taken in this resolution and provide that emergency contracts and agreements are not subject to the normal purchasing and competitive bidding requirements because of the local emergency

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor’s Declaration of a local emergency is continued in effect until further action of the City Council.
2. Meetings of the City Council and other City commissions shall continue to be held through electronic means until further action of the City Council. If technology infrastructure allows, a "hybrid" format can be used, allowing some members of the public body, as well as members of the public, to appear in person.
3. Directs the City Administrator to implement new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure the safety of all city employees. Additional protocols, strategies and processes may be utilized for first responders given their necessary interactions with the public.
4. Direct appropriate staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from Winona County, the State of Minnesota, federal government, and surrounding jurisdictions, as needed.

5. City staff is authorized to take any appropriate action and to prepare any appropriate documents to facilitate the directives of the Council as set forth in this resolution.
6. The Mayor, City Administrator, City staff, City attorney, and City consultants are authorized and directed to take any and all additional steps and actions necessary or convenient in order to accomplish the intent of this resolution.

Passed by the City Council of Lewiston, Minnesota this 8th day of September, 2021.



Mayor

Attested:


City Clerk