

Mayor Art Smyth called the *Special Meeting* to order at 5:15 p.m. Council Members present were Tim Rieb, Emmanuel Hurtado and Avis Christensen. Also present were City Clerk Treasurer Misty Ruiz, Public Works Director Lee Webster and Deputy Clerk Desha Rupeiks.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04-DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY:

MOTION: Council Member Tim Rieb made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-04, declaring a State of Emergency with respect to COVID-19, invoking the emergency powers set forth in Chapter 38.52 RCW, and authorizing the Mayor to request State, Federal or other funding as necessary on behalf of the City to address the impacts of COVID-19 on the City of Brewster. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CUSTOMER UTILITY PAYMENTS:

Concern was raised regarding the economic constraints that may affect some of our utility customers, with some having the financial inability to pay their utility bills in a timely fashion due to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus. After much discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Council Member Emmanuel Hurtado made the motion to authorize the suspension of utility late fees and water shut off for non-payment on a case-by-case basis as deemed appropriate by the Mayor, Finance Director and Public Works Director. Council Member Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Art Smyth

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer Misty Ruiz