

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

FROM: Dave Maroney, City Administrator.

SUBJECT: Declaring a Local Emergency and Council Work Session.

DATE: March 16, 2020.

BACKGROUND.

The Governor has issued *Executive Order 20-01* declaring a peace time emergency relating to the COVID-19. Because so many unanswered questions continue to exist, Mayor Althoff and I feel that the City of Cannon Falls should keep (“some of”) our options open and declare a corresponding local emergency. Section 33.071 of City Code allows Mayor Althoff to declare a local emergency thereby granting certain “flexibility” with taking actions to protect the public health and safety during these uncertain times.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION.

Staff respectfully request that the City Council review and approve the accompanying Resolution that affirms the declaration of local emergency for a period in excess of three (3) days.

Immediately following adjournment, the City Council is requested to convene a short Work Session to discuss near-term thoughts for dealing with this Situation.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, John Althoff, the Mayor of the City of Cannon Falls (the “Mayor”) finds that under the authority provided by Chapter 12 and related laws of the State of Minnesota, the following situation (the “Situation”) exists:

Peace Time Emergency Due to COVID 19 Health Pandemic

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued Executive Order 20-01 declaring a peace time emergency and coordinating Minnesota’s Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 (attached); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Situation presents an unforeseen combination of circumstances that is sudden and unforeseen and could not have been anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that conditions in the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota have worsened considerably as a result of the evolving Situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this Situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community, and threatens the continuation and efficient delivery of City services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Situation poses a risk or may cause extensive personal injury, damage or disaster to the City if not immediately addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that traditional sources of relief are not able to repair or prevent the injury or loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor declares this Situation to be a local emergency effective at _____ on _____, 2020.

This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the City’s disaster plan and authorize other appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the emergency are hereby authorized. To the extent that normal State laws and City policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with Federal and State directives or recommendations, the City Administrator, Emergency Manager Director, and designees are hereby authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies and procedures as authorized by the Governor’s Declaration and M.S. § 12.32, and to take those actions deemed necessary to protect the public health and safety.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maroney, City Administrator