

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, March 22, 2021

Present: Sändra Washington, Roy Christensen, Tammy Ward, Richard Meginnis, Jane Raybould, and James Michael Bowers

Absent: Bennie Shobe

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Richard Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Minutes from March 15, 2021, approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing Liquor Resolutions – Item(s) 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together. Item(s) 4.d. and 4.e. will be called together.

Under Public Hearing Resolutions – Item 5.a. will have a Motion to Amend.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2nd Reading – Item(s) 6.a. and 6.b. will be called together. Item(s) 6.c. and 6.d. will be called together.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Councilman Meginnis advised Council members that Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) requested a couple of Pre-Council meetings on the scooter program and the downtown feasibility traffic study. Meginnis suggested that LTU put together a report for Council to review and determine if a Pre-Council is warranted for additional information.

Christensen announced that rounds of golf are up and have been for the past year.

Raybould announced that constituents have been enjoying the trails network.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD).

Case Data:

The Total Number of Cases in Lancaster County to date is 29,148 (37 additional cases Yesterday, 03/21). The total number of cases reported last week ending March 20th was 327 which is similar to week ending march 13th which is 328.

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Last week, we adopted calculating Positivity rate using Test over Test Method, a similar method used by State and CDC. Positivity rate remained relatively flat in the past 4 weeks averaging 7%. If we include UNL saliva testing, positivity rate is approximately 4%.

We have 224 deaths due to COVID19 in Lancaster County. To date in March, we have 3 deaths. 74 Deaths were just in December or 45% of all our deaths and another 34 COVID19 deaths in November. 119 deaths or 57% of all deaths in Lancaster County are reported in last 2 months (December and January). In January, we had 45 deaths. In February, we had 23 deaths.

Vaccinations

As of yesterday, we administered 136,038 doses of vaccine to Lancaster County Residents. Of these doses, 89,357 individuals received 1 dose and 46,681 received 2nd doses of either Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. In all, 50,733 individuals completed their vaccinations. This week we vaccinated 5000 first doses for 60+ individuals and an additional 4500 second doses to 70+ and educators. A special Clinic has also been set up for those with critical health needs at St. Elizebeth and Bryan Hospitals on Saturday.

Hospital Usage

In Lancaster County Hospitals as of midnight 03/19, 17 individuals are hospitalized due to COVID. 13 of these individuals are Lancaster County Residents and 7 are from out of the county.

Discussion followed.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting 2:19 p.m.