

**Agenda Item: Resolution**

Title: Resolution 2022-02, Suspending City Of Laramie City Council Rules Of Procedure Rule 1 And Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 10 And Require All Council Members To Attend Council Meetings And Work Sessions Virtually With Compensation During The Covid-19 Pandemic And Directing All Staff Members And The Public To Attend Council Meetings And Work Sessions Virtually Only

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2022-02, suspending City of Laramie City Council Rules of Procedure Rule 1 and Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 10 and require all council members to attend council meetings and work sessions virtually with compensation during the COVID-19 pandemic and directing all staff members and the public to attend council meetings and work sessions virtually only, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To protect the health of our community, elected officials, staff, and residents have regularly attended meetings using telephone and web-conferencing to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and protect vulnerable members of the community.

Background:

On December 29, 2020 incoming Council Member Summerville contacted staff to have this resolution reviewed and considered at the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting. The details of the resolution are below, and the proposed Resolution 2020-07 is attached and was subsequently passed by Council.

The Laramie City Council adopted Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct of City Council that provide for current and best practices for conducting public business. In these rules' participation through phone or web conferencing is limited to five times annually with compensation. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and current Public Health Orders that prohibit gatherings of 10 people or more and to protect elected officials, staff and residents from exposure this resolution will:

1. Require that all Council members, city staff, public and invited guests will only attend council meetings and work sessions via telephone or web conferencing.
2. Suspend the adopted Council Rules, Rule 1 and Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 10 to allow council members to attend council meetings by telephone or web conferencing with compensation without it counting toward the annual five meetings allowance. \
3. Be effective January 5, 2021 and continue until rescinded by Council or the end of the COVID-19 pandemic is declared.

Resolution 2022-01 sets the City Council meeting dates, times, and location for 2022. This resolution will continue to require virtual attendance of City Council meetings until rescinds or the end of the pandemic is declared. The resolution will also serve as notice to the public of the change of location of meetings until further noticed.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Responsible Staff:

Bartholomew, City Clerk

Attachments: Reso 2022-02 Virtual Council Meetings