



**Declaring a State of Emergency
Implementing a Curfew
March 18, 2020**

Those participating at our City Municipal Complex:

Mayor Steve Ledbetter
City Attorney Danielle Sewell
Police Chief Smart Web
City Clerk Angel Fowler

Those participating on the teleconference:

Councilmember Ronnie Garrett
Councilmember L. C. Gates
Councilmember Randy Carter
Councilmember Carolyn Ledbetter

On Wednesday, March 18th, the Woodbury City Council and the City Attorney Danielle Sewell met virtually (via teleconference) to listen to the Mayor about his reasoning to request the Declaration of a State of Emergency. The Council listened to the presentation without a vote by Council. The purpose for the discussion was to afford the Council the opportunity to talk with their constituents in front of the meeting properly scheduled for March 19th.

Items of Concern:

- Is the City of Woodbury in a State of Emergency
- Should we set a Curfew for children and adults
- How should we support feeding the school children in Woodbury
- How to educate the community about the COVID-19 virus
- Is there an requirement for a Mutual Aid Agreement
- The Mayor set the time for March 19th to hold an Emergency Called Meeting and telecast the meeting via Facebook Live for our community to be involved

The Mayor set an Emergency Called meeting via Facebook Live for March 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Steve Ledbetter, PhD, Mayor

Angel Fowler, City Clerk



Woodbury City Council
Emergency Called Meeting
March 19, 2020

Present:

Mayor Steve Ledbetter
Councilmembers
Ronnie Garrett
L. C. Gates
Carolyn Ledbetter
Randy Carter via Teleconference

Called to Order, Invocation
Mayor Steve Ledbetter

Approve the Agenda
Councilmember Ledbetter made the motion to approve the agenda
Councilmember Gates seconded
All approved

Woodbury State of Emergency related to COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)
Councilmember Carter made the motion to declare a State of Emergency for the
City of Woodbury
Councilmember Ledbetter seconded the motion
All Approved
City Hall lobby will be closed to the public, payments will be accepted online and
drop box located at City Hall, all communication will be by phone or email

Councilmember Garrett made motion to close the city park and community
building to the public
Councilmember Carter seconded
All approved

Part of the State of Emergency there will be curfew set in place
Councilmember Carter made motion to set curfew 17 years and younger 8:00 pm
to 6 am
Councilmember Ledbetter seconded the motion
All approved

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Councilmember Carter made motion to set curfew 17 and older will be 9:00 pm to 6:00 am

Councilmember Gates seconded the motion

All approved

This curfew will go into effect on 3-20-2020 at 8:00pm

This does not include individuals going to work

Smitty's, Dollar Store, Blackbird and Ingles will be closing at 9:00 pm

Mutual Aid Agreement- Council to consider and get back with comments

Second Reading of Article Section 4 of the Charter for the City of Woodbury, Ga
Councilmember Carter made the motion to adopt the changes to the Election part of the Charter

Councilmember Garrett seconded the motion

All Approved

Council comments:

Councilmember Carter thanked the Mayor and Staff for all the work that has been done and for the council to come together in this time of need and trying to the citizens safe.

Councilmember Garrett had questions about the grates on Main Street and Manhole covers

Mayor Ledbetter, there will meals supplied to the children in Woodbury on Monday, March 23, 2020 from 11:30 to 2:00 pm
Special Thanks to Brin Jones and Beth Hadley

Councilmember Garrett made motion to adjourn

Councilmember Gates seconded the motion

All approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Reichert".

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Gates".

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Emergency Called Meeting
March 24, 2020
3:00 pm
Via/Teleconference

Those present for the call:

Mayor Steve Ledbetter
Councilmember Ronnie Garrett
Councilmember L. C. Gates
Councilmember Randy Carter
Councilmember Carolyn Ledbetter

Citizens were given a telephone number to listen online and approximately 30 people joined by "Zoom" teleconference.

Called to Order

Mayor Steve Ledbetter

As of this afternoon, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Meriwether County.

The Mayor made the following request of Council:

"The city is asking for everyone to shelter in place to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19. Maintain social distancing, be mindful of your distance between yourself and others, and think about how we keep the grocery store workers safe as we interact with them. They are essential. Additionally, keep a distance between you and others, do not hold gatherings of 10 or more people. Over the last few days, I've read and worked to understand what we should do. According to the American Hospital Directory there are approximately 25,000 hospital beds available in Georgia across ~230 hospitals, and ~2% of these beds offer ICU support. As of this afternoon, there are 1026 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 36 deaths — 5 cases were reported by the Department of Health in Meriwether County. As testing for the virus becomes more readily available and as the number of cases increase [as is evident by the statistical curve presented by the CDC on the US Coronavirus growth rates] we, as a State must take radical steps to slow the spread. If these numbers presented by the CDC are correct [and I believe they are] as a state, we are on a trajectory to overwhelm our Georgia healthcare system within the next week. Governor Kemp took initial steps to increase the number of healthcare workers yesterday and his response should have us concerned that he believes the strain on our healthcare system will rise over the next few weeks as was evidenced by his call to reinstate doctors and nurses who have allowed their

license to lapse in the last five years and those who have not yet taken the state license test for nurses to receive a temporary license to practice. So, what can we as a community do? Well, let me say this first! I care about my neighbors. I do not want anyone to get sick. For those who contract the disease, I want every one of us to recover from this awful outbreak. That said, I do not want our healthcare workers to be so overwhelmed they become worn down and are unable to adequately provide the services they so desperately want to provide. Please, adhere to what we're being asked to do. Stay home, don't gather in groups, protect yourself and your family. Look out for your neighbors. We will get through this, but we must do our part to slow the spread. What I'm asking of the Council is to approve a Shelter in Place Order as presented to you by email."

Motion to Proceed:

- Councilmember Garrett made the motion to approve the Shelter in Place Order
- Councilmember Gates seconded, all approved
 - Garrett, yea
 - Gates, yea
 - Ledbetter, yea
 - Carter, yea

The Mayor thanked the Council members for their approval and asked for a motion to adjourn.

- Councilmember Carter made motion to adjourn
- Councilmember Gates seconded the motion, all approved



Steve Ledbetter, PhD, Mayor



Angel Fowler, City Clerk