Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Voracek at 6:00 pm. Councilors Royal Ross, Peter van Sluis, Tom Spooner, Janna Viscomi and Jon Wood were in attendance. Councilor Elizabeth Cap was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Tim Murray, Assistant to the City Administrator Heather Slechta, City Engineer Mark DuChene, Public Works Director Travis Block, Police Chief Andy Bohlen, Fire Chief Dustin Dienst, Community and Economic Development Director Deanna Kuennen, Parks and Recreation Director Paul Peansky, and Finance Director Jeanne Day.

Presentations/Introductions – None

Approve minutes of May 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting (majority vote)
Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Councilor Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Viscomi, Wood and Mayor Voracek
Nay:
Motion carried 6:0

Consent Agenda:
A. List of bills to be paid
B. Approve Appointment of Committee, Board, and Commission Members
C. Approve Amendment to Purchase and Development Agreement by and between City of Faribault and Faribault Division, LLC
D. Resolution 2020-086 Establish Public Hearing for 2020 MSA Street Reconstruction and Buckham Center Parking Lot Improvements – Contract 2020-04
E. Resolution 2020-087 Appoint Election Judges for the 2020 Elections
F. Accept Proposal for Soils Correction for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
G. Approve Professional Services Contract with Stonebrooke Engineering for TH3-30th Street NW Roundabout Project
H. Approve Agreement with ISD 656 and Mobile Home Parks for Sheltering of Mobile Home Park Residents
I. Approve Hangar Rental Agreement
Motion by Wood, seconded by van Sluis to approve Consent Agenda Items A-I.

Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Councilor Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Viscomi, Wood and Mayor Voracek
Nay:
Motion carried 6:0
Requests to be Heard
Kelly Nygaard stated that Faribault Main Street and the Faribault Chamber of Commerce supported passing Resolution 2020-088.

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Resolution 2020-088 Authorizing the Granting of Regulatory Flexibility to Local Businesses
City Administrator Tim Murray presented Resolution 2020-088 Authorizing the Granting of Regulatory Flexibility to Local Businesses. Murray explained that in order to accelerate approvals for potential business requests to resume their business operations in compliance with the requirements and restrictions set for in executive orders issued by the Governor, this resolution has been prepared to grant authority to the City Administrator to approve certain actions regarding licensing, zoning, etc. This resolution follows an example resolution provided by our City Attorney, who has been consulted regarding the means and methods regarding this action to ensure we are working within our legal authority.

Staff will be developing standard forms to be used for processing these requests in the next week with the intention of making the process as simple and efficient as possible. Appropriate staff will be asked to review the requests submitted to identify any concerns and to establish conditions of approval as warranted. Requests could include the use of adjacent City property or right-of-way for outdoor seating, expansion of licensed premises for on-sale liquor establishments, new or additional signage installation, etc. The date for the re-opening of bars and restaurants, with a number of restrictions, is June 1, 2020. While it is unclear how many requests we may get, we believe it is important to offer support and provide options to allow business to try and resume their operations and be successful. If approved the Regulatory Flexibility will run through the end of the year and Staff will provide the Council with an update at a future meeting.

Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Councilor Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Viscomi, Wood and Mayor Voracek
Nay:
Motion carried 6:0

Authorize Submittal of Letter to Governor Walz regarding COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts
City Administrator Tim Murray explained that at the May 19, 2020 Joint Committee meeting, the majority of the Council were in support of submitting a letter to the Governor requesting that actions be taken to improve the economic conditions for local businesses. Murray briefly explained the guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding submittal of resolutions on this matter. The drafted letter did not in any manner recommend or encourage any business, individual, or the City Council to defy the current executive orders or other applicable laws and regulations. This letter was written to be more symbolic in nature than legislative. Its primary purpose was to express the Council’s recognition of the severe economic impacts that local businesses have endured, and to encourage and support further actions by the Governor to help improve the conditions to allow them to return to full and successful operations.

Mayor Voracek read a letter from Councilor Elizabeth Cap opposing submitting a letter to Governor Walz. Councilor Wood thanked Murray for putting together the letter. Councilor Viscomi abstained from voting on this item due to being a restaurant and store owner.

Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Councilor Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Wood and Mayor Voracek
Nay:
Motion carried 5:0 with Councilor Viscomi abstaining

Bids - None
Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates
The Monthly Financial Report was provided as part of the Council meeting packet. Councilor Spooner stated that the River Bend Nature Center is really hurting due to COVID-19, the park has been really busy this spring, however they rely on charitable gambling funds, so think of them. Councilor Ross thanked those that stepped-up to be election judges, Mayor Voracek thanked the Public Works Staff for fixing a watermain and sewer line collapse, Councilor van Sluis asked what was happening at the old K-Mart site, Public Works Director Travis Block explained that Northern Natural Gas is working in the area, Michels is using the space as a staging area for equipment. Mayor Voracek thanked all the vets and those currently serving for their service, Voracek stated that the ceremony in the park was very nice.

Adjournment
Motion by Ross, seconded by Spooner to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Councilor Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Viscomi, Wood and Mayor Voracek
Nay:
Motion carried 6:0

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather J. Slechta
Assistant to the City Administrator