

**TOWN OF MANY**  
March 25, 2020  
**Special Called Session**

The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Many met in special session via teleconference due to the COVID-19 outbreak, on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 1:00 PM which was conducted from Town Hall. Present were Mayor Ken Freeman and Town Clerk Amie Brown. Present by teleconference were Mayor Pro-Tem James Kennedy and Council Members Bobbie Jackson, Gay Corley, Anita Darwin and Mary Brocato.

Mayor Ken Freeman called the meeting to order and the prayer was offered by Alderwoman Corley.

**Open to Public Comments relating to items on agenda:** No one from the public was available

**The purpose of the meeting:**

- 1. Approve Mayor to declare a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak:** Passed with a motion by Brocato; seconded by Kennedy. Vote unanimous as each council member was called by name one at a time.
- 2. Approve Mayor to go through State Bonding Commission to buy a used garbage truck:** Alderwoman Corley asked would this make garbage rates go up to which Mayor Freeman answered no. Alderwoman Brocato asked how much would it cost to which Mayor Freeman replied \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Passed with a motion by Darwin; seconded by Corley. Vote unanimous as each council member was called by name one at a time.
- 3. Remove restriction on Savings accounts to release funds to be used as needed to make up any shortfall on sales tax revenue:** Mayor Freeman explained that we think the hoarding and rush to the grocery stores will cause next month's sales tax revenue to be at level or up but the month after we're expecting at least a 50% fall in sales tax and not sure how long it will last but we have savings accounts we put money in for the water department, street department, police department and town for new vehicles and new equipment but he will not budget any new vehicles or equipment for next year because of this emergency and we need to free up these savings accounts to be put into the general fund to use to pay our bills to get through this. Alderwoman Corley asked that all council members be notified in advance if it comes to a point that it has to be used for something major to which Mayor Freeman stated that was fine and they would also know in the budget. Passed with a motion by Kennedy; seconded by Corley. Vote unanimous as each council member was called by name one at a time.
- 4. Introduce Ordinance #4 of 2020 - Franchise Agreement with SWEPCO:** Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Darwin. Vote unanimous as each council member was called by name one at a time.
- 5. Insurance Renewal on physical damage - Rod Prejean & Assoc., Inc. - \$18,459.63:** Passed with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson. Vote unanimous as each council member was called by name one at a time.

Next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:10 PM was made by Alderman Kennedy and seconded by Alderwoman Jackson. Vote unanimous.

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KENNETH FREEMAN, MAYOR

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AMIE BROWN, TOWN CLERK