

# Virtual City Council Meetings Details

Due to the Covid-19 “Coronavirus” pandemic, regular and special meetings of the City Council will continue to be held in a “virtual” meeting room. This will allow for safe participation by elected officials, departmental managers, and any citizen interested in attending.

Cisco WebEx hosts the virtual Council Chamber. Join the meetings using the information shown below.

Visit the [City Council Meeting page](#) to view the agenda for upcoming meetings.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There is a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

## December 22, 2020 Virtual Meeting Details – Special City Council Meeting

At no sooner than 6:20 p.m., visit the Cisco WebEx meeting site by clicking the link below.

<https://bit.ly/MattoonCC201222>

Meeting number (access code): 126 823 5235

Meeting password: 20819

## Additional Instructions

Join meetings by telephone by **dialing 415-655-0001** and use the **meeting number** and **password** shown above.

Participants should be muted when initially connected to the meeting.

If you wish to be heard during the public comment portion of the meeting or wish to comment during the discussion period on an open motion, you need to send your comments in advance to the City Clerk’s office. Your comments will be read into the record, or you will be called upon to speak at the appropriate time. Contact the City Clerk’s office before 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 217-235-5654 or by sending an e-mail to [cityclerk@mattoonillinois.org](mailto:cityclerk@mattoonillinois.org). NOTE: All those speaking during the meeting must first identify themselves by providing their full name for the record.

**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
December 22, 2020  
6:30 PM**

**6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Electronic Attendance**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recessed to closed session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of the discussion of the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance (5ILCS 120 (2)(C)(3)). (Owen)**

**1. Motion –Appointing the Acting Mayor position due to the vacancy occurring with the passing of Mayor Tim Gover. (Owen)**

**2. Motion – Adopt Resolution No. 2020-3116: Approving the continuance of a Local State of Emergency due to the virus (Coronavirus COVID-19). (Owen)**

**Adjourn**

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3116**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

State of Illinois  
County of Coles  
City of Mattoon

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and Ordinance No. 2020-5430 of the City of Mattoon, I, J. Preston Owen, the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Mattoon do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, December 22, 2020, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance No. 2020-5430.

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern and on March 11, 2020 declared a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020 due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus and has activated the State Emergency Operations Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Emergency Management Agency has declared a public health emergency due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration has coordinated its response with other Coles County governmental entities.

**The nature of the emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community.**

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Ordinance No. 2020-5430.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, J. Preston Owen, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

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J. Preston Owen, Mayor Pro-Tem  
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

On this 22nd of December, 2020, personally appeared the above-named J. Preston Owen and acknowledged the foregoing to be his free act and deed, before me.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06-10-2023

(Seal)

Print Susan J. O'Brien

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**Nothing follows**