

****AMENDED** (Item 11.3)**

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
6:30 p.m. - Government Center, Board Room 201**

11. RESOLUTIONS

11.3 R20-13498 Resolution relating to the creation of a SafeVote Program for the Fall of 2020.

RESOLUTION #R20-13498

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CREATION OF A SAFEVOTE PROGRAM FOR THE FALL OF 2020.

This resolution provides direction for the city clerk’s office to develop and establish a sustainable, cost-effective SafeVote program under which all registered voters in the City of Superior would receive information regarding obtaining an absentee ballot to participate in the Fall 2020 Election.

WHEREAS, the right to vote is one of the most sacred in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has made assembling groups of any size a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Health reports (May 4, 2020) 7,964 positive tests, 895 health workers infected, over 1,300 hospitalized and 339 deaths; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and widespread testing are unavailable and no vaccine exists; and

WHEREAS, voting absentee by mail is safe, secure and efficient; and

WHEREAS, cast ballots by mail have positive implication to reduce transmission of various infectious viruses of which poll workers are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, thus far 8,000 + cast ballots by mail in Spring 2020; the City of Superior has steadily expanded early/absentee voting, curbside voting to reduce group exposure; and

WHEREAS, voting by mail must be seen as the best way to ensure the best possible participation for citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of Superior authorizes the city clerk’s office to develop and establish a sustainable, cost-effective SafeVote program under which all registered voters in the City of Superior would receive information regarding obtaining an absentee ballot along for the Fall 2020 Election; and be it

Passed and adopted 5th this day of May, 2020.

Mayor Jim Paine

Attest: _____

Terri Kalan, City Clerk