



March 20, 2020

Today as a city we are stepping up our efforts to protect our community from the spread of COVID 19. Protecting the health of our citizens, our city staff and our community leaders is our top priority. You will notice some changes in the way that we are going to handle daily operations and city meetings going forward.

- 1) Effective Monday, March 23rd we City Hall will be closed to open traffic. If you need to meet with City staff on an essential item, you can call in at 605-528-6187 to make an appointment. We encourage all citizens to utilize all online and electronic means whenever possible.
- 2) We are transitioning our future City Council meetings and Planning and Zoning meetings to be available via phone and web conference. You will still be able to attend in person but we are going to do our best to have most attendees attending electronically. You will see more information on these meetings as we get closer.
- 3) I will be contacting several community leaders (medical, essential services, business leaders, church leaders, and county partners) to join me in a *Joint Taskforce* to discuss the impacts COVID 19 will have on our community and how we can continue to best prepare and protect our citizens. During this meeting we will discuss how we can get more information out to the public and we will also assess the potential impact to our schools, city, and business community. We will strategize ways to be proactive in supporting all of our partners so that we can come out of this healthy, happy and prosperous.

We will continue to keep you all updated as we move forward. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Thank you!

Mayor Menning