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RE: City Of Stewartville – Current COVID 19 Response/Citizen Communication

To All Of Our Fellow & Area Citizens,

As most of the world is now aware, and no matter how serious we may consider the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and on behalf of the full City Council support, I am having the City Of Stewartville assist and work cooperatively with the guidelines set forth by our President, our Governor, and our local Olmsted County Health Department in exercising some reasonable precautions that we can implement to minimize the impact COVID-19 has in our community.

The City Hall & Library & Public Works Departments are, and will be, practicing and encouraging “social distancing,” with the best of our ability, for any business that needs to be conducted. This is a proactive measure to restrict when and where people gather in order to slow the spread of an infectious disease, and to help in the overall goal of all of us not wanting to put any undue pressure on our area hospital, clinic, and care facilities.

In a further attempt to be proactive, and continue to follow the above guidelines, the City Hall and Library and Civic Center doors will be closed for public walk-in traffic through the end of March, and subject to further review on a continued monitoring basis, unless some emergency need were to arise.

City Hall & Library & Public Works staff will still remain available for business during our normal Monday through Friday Hours during this period, but any public meetings, that can or may include City Council, EDA, Planning & Zoning, Park Board, Library Board, and possible others, may need to be, or will be rescheduled or conducted by phone or video calls, with associated notice, and as subject to MN State Guidelines. We would encourage you to still do as much of your normal business with the City as you need to, but please try and utilize remotely, through the normal U.S. mail service, phone service, e-mail service, and delivery services, and/or the temporary curbside service that will be available at the Library during this time, with all of our respective city departments and staff.

Subsequent announcements/changes/revisions on rescheduling or cancellations of future events will be based on the developing information and guidelines from the above offices, along with the Minnesota Department of Health and CDC.

We encourage you to stay informed on COVID-19 developments from reputable sources.

Feel free to visit/utilize the [Minnesota Employment & Economic Development](#) for the latest information that may assist employees, businesses, and employers affected by the Coronavirus. In addition, the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) is offering guidance and financial assistance.

For the latest information, prevention and facts on COVID-19, visit the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) and [The Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#) and [The Olmsted County Health Department](#).

This is an unprecedented situation and we are doing our best to monitor the rapidly changing information and will continue to make decisions that prioritize the health and safety of our staff and citizens.

Let's all continue to work together as the great community that we are, and with our continued citizen courtesy, consideration, cooperation, and understanding for each other..!!

Thank You All..!!

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF STEWARTVILLE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmie-John King", is written over the printed name and title.

Jimmie-John King
Mayor