

## NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

WESTON, MISSOURI – March 17, 2020. As we are all aware COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic and, to be proactive rather than reactive, all special event applications for public events for the next 8 weeks have been postponed and no other special events will be approved for that timeframe. This is in line with the CDC's current recommendation of no in-person gatherings of 50 or more individuals for 8 weeks, as well as the most current recommendation of no in-person gatherings of 10 or more individuals for the next 15 days. This is subject to change as the CDC or Platte County Health Department recommendations change. We recommend monitoring the Platte County Health Department website for further COVID-19 updates.

Outside of events that require a special event application, I have asked that our businesses consider imposing similar limitations until this situation resolves or until the CDC/PCHD recommendations change.

In addition, for the next 8 weeks starting March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, or until the situation changes, city meetings will be cancelled or postponed, we will be putting a hold on non-essential city spending, and city hall and the police station will be closed to the public. This is a proactive measure to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 to our employees – the employees will still be available via telephone or email. The board has approved regular invoices of expenditures as well as payments for our major contractors, based on the engineer's approval, during this time.

The Weston Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 adopting any upcoming recommendations by the Platte County Health Department, but also recognizing that the Board of Aldermen could take further measures under RSMo. 79.380, including, but not limited to, the limitation of public gatherings and a quarantine of its citizens.

I realize that this can put a large strain on our residents and businesses, and to help alleviate some of this, we will not be doing water shutoffs for unpaid water bills until this situation changes. I have also instructed our police department to work with the Weston Community Food Pantry and assist with getting necessary food items or supplies out to citizens in need.

Please call city hall at 816-640-2752 to let us know if you will be unable to pay your water bill or if you need to be put in touch with community supporters during this time. We are here to help you in any way that we can.

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