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PRESS RELEASE

Napavine, WA – As the City of Napavine continues to monitor developments with the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, On March 18, 2020, the City declared an emergency. Based upon the information available, The City closed public access to City facilities to limit potential transmission of the virus.

The City is in communication with the Lewis County Department of Public Health to ensure that public officials are taking the appropriate action to protect the public against the spread of the coronavirus. Out of abundance of caution and concern for the public, the City has decided to take certain preventive measures (see below). These precautionary measures go into effect following state and county guidelines to cancel non-essential gatherings of more than 10 people. Please continue to check the City's website for updates at www.cityofnapavine.com or by calling City Clerk's office at 360-262-3547

- City Hall will be closed to walk-in customers.
- Encourage customers to utilize online payment services for utility payments, permit payment, record release payments and citation payments. Links are found on the City's website, home page during this crisis.
- Encourage customers to use the drop box to the right of the City Hall front doors for payment, or correspondence.
- Encourage customers to call in to make payments at 360-262-3547.
- Encourage customers to mail payment to P.O. Box 810, Napavine, WA 98565
- Suspended all water shut offs except in emergency situations
- Suspended all action to collect overdue utility accounts, B&O Taxes or other arrearages and ceased charging interest on any such account.

Due to the essential nature of City Council meetings in conducting City business, all City Council meetings will take place telephonically on regular Council meeting dates and times. If a special meeting is called, a notice will be published as required by OPMA. To attend a meeting, a link is provided on the City's website under the Mayor/Council tab or by calling the City Clerk's office to receive the phone number and access code.

We apologize for any inconvenience these new protocols will have. While we believe strongly in providing exemplary customer service, we also have an obligation to our employees and the public in general to assure we can continue to provide our critical, life sustaining services. We know if we work together, we will get through this event with minimal inconvenience.

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