

Due to the nature of the Novel Coronavirus, now known as Covid-19, and the restrictions placed on group gatherings by Governor Reynolds State of Public Health Disaster Emergency for Iowa, the City Council believes it would be both impossible and impractical to hold a meeting in one location. The Council meeting was held via the Zoom application. The public was invited to participate via telephone by calling 1-312-626-6799. Callers were prompted for the following information:

1. Meeting ID: 870 3507 9668
2. Password: 547352

If assistance was needed before the meeting began, they could contact Chris at 319-359-8613. The following Council members were remotely present: Roudabush, West, Wieseler, Herrmann and Rose.

Discussion Items (No Action)

City Facilities – Opening Actions City Administrator Chris Nosbisch stated that 77 of the 99 counties were able to start opening things back up. Staff is looking at May 15th as being the date things could potentially open here. Nosbisch said no decisions would be made at this meeting but wanted Council to know what staff has been talking about for the past few weeks and give them time to think about some decisions that will have to be made. If things can open on May 15th Nosbisch said he foresees the dog park, frisbee golf course and the ball diamonds opening. In the current proclamation Governor Reynolds still had playgrounds, skate parks and shelters closed to the public. Recreation centers were also opened but had restrictions placed on them. Those were they can only operate at 50% capacity, classes could only be attended by ten individuals or less and maintain social distancing. Staff has been discussing having a “soft opening” whereas no membership fees would be charged but \$1.00 admission would be charged. Certain parts of the building such as the I-Wall, rock wall and the community room would not be open. There would be restricted hours. Staff would monitor how many people come in and leave the building. If the LBC is opened on May 15, City Hall will also open. The pool is being prepped as if opening. Staff would like to open the pool even if it’s a later date.

Other Covid Related Discussions. Nosbisch said that the most pressing festival that needs some decisions made is Heritage Days and the Antique Festival. The Chocolate Stroll will be combining with the Chili Cook off in October. If social distancing stays in place staff cannot find a way to hold the festivals.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 6:21 p.m., April 29, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk