

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. With that being said, the Council meeting was held via the Zoom application, and the public was invited to participate via telephone by calling 1-301-715-8592 and prompted for the following information: Meeting ID:898 0262 0103. Password: 966366. If assistance was needed before the meeting began the public 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 explained that since the Council's discussion on May 18, 2020 a number of reopening's had been released by the Governor's proclamation (5-26-2020). Under this proclamation, what this means for the LBC is that as long as groups are kept to 10 or under they are allowed to be within 6' of each other and do not need to be family only. Also, class size is no longer limited to 10 people. As long as there is a 6' separation classes can be as big as the facility allows. Face shields have been ordered for staff but they are not required to wear them. At the last meeting Council requested a survey be sent to members regarding opening the LBC. There were 326 responses with 197 indicating they would return when the facility opened. Members will have one week to decide if they want to continue with the freeze on their account or start automatic withdrawals again. The building will be closed 3 times during the day; twice for cleaning and once for seniors. Staff will be stationed throughout the building to monitor and sanitize. The cleaning will be surfaces only (not a deep cleaning) so those who use the facility use it at their own risk. The track will be open for use for both walkers and runners as long as they can maintain the 6' spacing. Those that don't follow the rules will be asked to leave. When asked about future reservations Nosbisch said they will be limited to the proclamation at that time. Prior to opening, information will be sent to members via email and mailed letters. Council was in agreement that the LBC should open Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Playgrounds:** Staff recommends opening up the playgrounds on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Signs will be in place saying the playground equipment is not being sanitized.

**Baseball and softball games** can resume as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. MV does not plan to move forward with any City sponsored rec programs. Restrooms will be opened in the morning, locked at night and only cleaned once a day.

**City Hall:** Staff's recommendation is to gradually open; starting June 3<sup>rd</sup> the lobby hours will be extended from noon until 5:00 and starting June 15<sup>th</sup> be open all day (regular hours).

**Pool:** The Governor is allowing swimming pools to reopen for lap swim and swimming lessons. The MV pool is being prepped like it will open, whether or not it does. Staff was asked to survey lap swimmers and last year's swim lesson students asking, if open, would they use it. Cedar Rapids and Marion are not opening their pools this season. Staff worries that with those pools closed Mount Vernon's pool will see an influx of users from outside MV. Usually the Governor offers additional guidelines when facilities are allowed to fully reopen. Staff's recommendation is to wait until these guidelines are released. Council made no commitments and no decision to open.

Other Covid Related Discussions.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned the time being 7:10 p.m., May 28, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
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City of Mount Vernon