

Dear Residents:

The City of West Liberty is a wonderful city to live in and raise a family. This is due to the kindness and welcoming of the city's residents among other factors. The city is faced with the possibility of community spread of the coronavirus. This is a city, state, and national concern. The city is in the business of customer service and will continue to provide essential services to our residents.

Unfortunately, the library and parks and recreation services had to be suspended at this time. The city has an obligation to our employees and their family's wellness. This City will provide work diligently to provide them with a safe working environment to the best of our ability.

Currently we are not aware of any documented case(s) in Muscatine County, but our neighbor to the West in Johnson County currently has 15 documented cases. Many of our resident's work or commute to Johnson County on a frequent basis. City Leaders with Interim City Manager Lee Geertz at the front have worked diligently to stay out in front of these virus.

This has included solutions and alternatives to provide services while balancing the safety of our employees. Yesterday, Interim City Manager Geertz released a plan which outlined these procedures. I ask residents to be patient during this time as these procedures may change as other factors evolve. Interim City Manager Geertz deserves great praise as she has met each challenge presented to her during her time spent as the city manager. The coronavirus was not one she expected. I would include extended my appreciation and thanks to the council members and city staff for all their work and their patience during this time.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Hartman