

Hello to all of our city residents and members of our community.

On March 19th, 2020, the Genesee City Council held a special meeting as required and voted by resolution 2020-4, to proclaim an emergency as allowed by Idaho code 46-1011 in relationship to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What does this Proclamation mean for the City of Genesee?

It allows the mayor, city council and city staff to have more flexibility and more freedom to respond to situations as they arise in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. These situations affect the processes and funding actions needed to shorten delays for changing situations that are occurring on a daily if not hourly basis.

The City of Genesee is and will be working closely as needed with Latah County Disaster Services, North Central Idaho Public Health, the state of Idaho Emergency Management, our Genesee School District and our Genesee Fire Department.

By working together it will allow the city to tap into Federal and State funding in dealing with the COVID-19 issues as they come to our attention.

What this proclamation does not do for the city of Genesee includes the following:

It does not lessen the risk to our city and community residents, especially our senior citizens and elderly, from contracting the COVID-19 virus. It does not mean that we can guarantee that no residents of our city and community will fall ill to this pandemic.

We all, as in you and I, must do what we can to lessen the risk, especially to our vulnerable community members by following and practicing the current public health guidelines of washing hands often, social distancing, reducing public gatherings to no more than 10, etc. These guidelines are in a state of change and we must all be aware of those changes and practice those changes as they are made.

Please, please help your neighbors, especially the elderly.

It is with regret, but in regards to the safety of all of our city staff and to lessen their risk of infection of the coronavirus, and also to minimize the risk of infection to the public it has been decided to close city hall to the public starting Monday March 23rd until further notice. Karyn and or Debi will be in city hall during regular business hours to carry on with the city duties and will receive phone calls and emails with your questions and concerns. Please use the drop box or of course the express bill service for making payments. Thank you for your understanding of this decision.

We are all in this together and we are a strong community, we always have been...Working together through this as a community, we will become even stronger.

Thank you,

Steve Odenborg, Mayor

