



May 16, 2020

Citizens of Camanche,

First, let me apologize for the lack of communication last week without a warning. The truth is, there just wasn't any change from the status quo so I didn't want to bore you to the point you felt it unnecessary to continue reading these letters. With that said, I'm sure you're all aware that Governor Reynolds continues to slowly open up more businesses. For instance, we can now go get that haircut we have been so desperately waiting for! But I want to continue to caution you that this does not mean we are close to being through the COVID-19 crisis. A vaccine for this virus could still be a year or more away. This means that we are going to have to continue to practice social distancing and other community spread mitigation efforts for at least that long.

As a result, the city has decided to continue to hold meetings electronically until at least June 1<sup>st</sup> and we are exploring ways to accommodate social distancing for future meetings. Unfortunately, with the Governor's proclamation continuing to limit mass gatherings to no more than ten, we will be unable to hold our annual Memorial Day celebration at Rose Hill Cemetery. However, I'm told that the flags will be flown over the weekend, weather permitting.

As for the city, we plan to open city hall to the public next Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be changes made to satisfy social distancing requirements and to keep our staff safe. So, if you need to conduct business in city hall, please read the signs for direction. Also, it looks like the library will be ready to open to the public by the end of the month---with some changes for social distancing which include allowing only 15 people in the library at a time, including librarians. Our community center will continue to remain closed.

We have also designated the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> for our spring large item garbage pickup which was postponed due to the virus. Please be advised that you may not put anything out by the road for the large item pickup until the week prior to the pickup. This means nothing may be put by the road until Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you put items by the road prior to this, you may be cited.

Lately, I have also been reminding everyone of the importance and encouraging everyone to report their census data for the 2020 census. So far, we have the highest voluntary reporting in Clinton County. Good work! At last check, 77% of our folks had reported. I received an email today stating that the census workers will be starting to go door-to-door in an effort to compile data that has not been self-reported. If the census workers should happen to stop at your residence, please be courteous and answer their questions. Again, this could be a very important census for the city of Camanche.



Lastly, I would like to take a moment to commend you, the citizens, for helping to mitigate community spread of the COVID-19 virus. I believe that we as a community, as well as the overall county, have done a very good job of helping to keep this crisis from becoming something much, much worse. We can keep trending in the right direction if we all continue to do what we've been doing---wear your mask in public, social distance, wash your hands, etc. So, thank you all for all of your help! Continue to stay safe and healthy and God bless!

Trevor Willis

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