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Press Release

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Emergency Declaration

On Friday, March 20, 2020, the Kewaunee City Council passed a resolution Declaring a Health Emergency within the City of Kewaunee in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The resolution authorizes the Mayor to undertake whatever actions are necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection and welfare of the public (please see the attached resolution). **The immediate action to be taken will be to close all City of Kewaunee facilities to the public. This action will commence immediately.** These closures to the public include City Hall, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Public Works, Library, City Park Restroom buildings to the public. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Voter Registration & Absentee Voting: While the in-person election for April 7, 2020, remains scheduled, the City of Kewaunee will no longer provide early, on-site voter registration or absentee voting. Registering to vote and registering for absentee ballots can be done at www.myvote.wi.gov or call 920-388-5000 to have an application mailed to you. If you know of someone that struggles with technology or doesn't have internet access, please help them get their absentee ballot mailed to them.

Utility Payments: Make utility payments through alternative means – direct payment plan (very easy, and saves time!), mail, internet, and our drop box which is located just outside of our office door at 401 Fifth Street. (attached is a picture of the location of the City's Drop Box located by the front doors of Kewaunee City Hall.

Make other payments by mail or drop box such as dog licenses, parking tickets, etc.

Visit our webpage at www.cityofkewaunee.org to apply for residential building permits, sign permits, re-zoning requests, etc. Print off applications online to fill out and mail/use our drop box.

Continue to call our office at (920) 388-5000 or e-mail admin@cityofkewaunee.org for any questions/concern

If you have any questions, you can contact Mayor Christman, at schristman@cityofkewaunee.org or by calling 920-388-5000.

RESOLUTION NO. 1083-20

**CITY OF KEWAUNEE
COUNTY OF KEWAUNEE
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**CITY OF KEWAUNEE
DECLARATION OF HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, The infectious disease named COVID-19 has been identified in the State of Wisconsin as a disease which can spread through the community as a danger to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Anthony Evers has issued Executive Order #72 declaring a health emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Kewaunee County has adopted a declaration dated March 17, 2020 declaring a state of emergency in Kewaunee County relating to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kewaunee is likely to incur additional unforeseen expenses caused by operational changes required in order to deal with the COVID-19 virus outbreak; and

WHEREAS, In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the City of Kewaunee must avail itself of all resources at its disposal to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19 in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Common Council of the City of Kewaunee, Wisconsin, as follows:

1. Pursuant to the powers available under Wisconsin Statutes Sections 323.11, 323.14, 323.15 and all other applicable provisions of Wisconsin Law, a Public Health Emergency is Declared in the City of Kewaunee consistent with the statewide declaration of a public health emergency by Governor Evers and the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Kewaunee County;
2. The City of Kewaunee is authorized under this declaration to make use of volunteer health practitioners to maintain and restore the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons and property within the City of Kewaunee.
3. The City of Kewaunee is authorized under this declaration to undertake whatever actions are necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons and property, and in doing so may bar, restrict, or remove all unnecessary traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, from the highways and City roads of the City of Kewaunee.
4. As this declaration of health emergency is consistent with a similar declaration by Governor Evers applicable to the entire State of Wisconsin, and the Kewaunee County Proclamation, the City of Kewaunee may employ personnel, facilities, and other resources consistent with an emergency plan adopted to cope with the problems of local disasters.

5. If the City of Kewaunee or its subunits are unable to meet in person during this Health Emergency, the Mayor or her designee may declare the need for and conduct a virtual meeting that is reasonably accessible and consistent with the then-existing requirements of Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law.

6. Sandi Christman, or her successor, as Mayor of the City of Kewaunee, is authorized to undertake and direct the activities outlined herein on behalf of the City of Kewaunee.

7. The period of this emergency declaration shall be for the duration of the Public Health Emergency of the State of Wisconsin.

Introduced at a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Kewaunee held this ___20th___ day of March 2020.

Passed and adopted this ___20th___ day of March, 2020.



Sandi Christman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Terri Decur, City Clerk

VOTE: Ayes 7 Nays 0

