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CITY OF OSAWATOMIE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AS OF MARCH 18TH, 2020

Osawatomie, Kansas – Following the states of emergency declared by President Trump, Governor Kelly, and the Board of Commissioners of Miami County, the City of Osawatomie has decided to enact a proactive protection plan for not only the public, but for our City employees as well.

Per the most recent update from the Kansas State Department of Health, there are still zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Miami County. However, out of an abundance of caution, the City has chosen to take the following precautions effective from 2:00pm today, March 18th, 2020, until April 5th, 2020. These new regulations are subject to change as more information becomes available.

Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 2:00pm:

- 1) City Hall will be closed to the public. This closure includes the Utilities Office, Chamber Office, and the City Manager-Human Resources Office.
 - a. Utility payments may still be made via phone, online, or through the dropbox.
 - b. Appointments can be made over the phone for necessary utility operations, such as new connections.
- 2) The Osawatomie Public Library is closed to the public.
- 3) The John Brown Cabin will be closed to the public.
- 4) The forestry site will be closed to the public.
- 5) Camping at the city lake and at John Brown Park has been suspended.
- 6) Renting city facilities has been suspended.

While our city offices will be closed for public access, staffers are still working normal business hours and will be ready and available to answer any phone calls or emails. Appointments can be made via phone for any necessary business, but will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Please call City Hall at 913-755-2146 with any questions or concerns you have regarding these temporary closures.

We greatly apologize for any inconvenience this causes, but we would like to stress the importance of practicing social distancing and elevating our personal hygiene standards. By avoiding large gatherings of people, staying home except for necessary outings like grocery shopping, and washing our hands regularly we can help slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our most vulnerable community members safe.

For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, please visit our website at www.osawatomieks.org and click "Our Community."

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