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Mayor Outlines City of Belleville Response to COVID-19

Belleville, Ill. – March 16, 2020 – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Belleville has made the following decisions.

All city offices will be closed to the public effective, Tuesday, March 17 at 8 a.m. until the close of business on March 30, 2020. Essential city services will still be provided including police and fire protection, sanitation/trash pick-up, and sewer services. All employees should report to work as regularly scheduled.

All Belleville public libraries will remain closed through March 30, 2020 and all Parks and Recreation events and activities are cancelled through March 30, 2020, including all events at the Nichols Center. All events at the city parks including reservations for special events and sporting events that will draw 50 or more people will be cancelled until May 11, 2020. All inspections conducted by the Health, Housing and Building Department will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis until further notice.

To pay sewer bills, residents may drop checks or money orders at the sewer payment drop boxes located in the 2nd block of South 1st Street along the County Parking Garage, and at the north entrance of City Hall 101 S. Illinois St., Belleville. You can also call 618-233-6810 to pay over the phone or visit www.paymentservicenetwork.com/ to pay online.

Tonight's City Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will remain scheduled. Tonight's Streets & Grades meeting has been moved to the Council Chambers in City Hall in order to provide space for social distancing practices.

For more information, visit www.belleville.net or call 618-233-6810.

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The City of Belleville, Illinois, incorporated in 1814, is the St. Clair County seat and the largest city in southern Illinois. With a current population of 44,478 (2010), Belleville is home to the longest contiguous main street in the United States, excellent education and healthcare organizations, and thriving businesses and neighborhoods, including three National Historic Districts. Mayor Mark Eckert runs the municipal government along with elected officials including City Clerk Jennifer Gain Meyer, Treasurer Dean Hardt, and 16 aldermen representing eight city wards. The vision for the City of Belleville is one where all sectors of the community work together to help the city grow and prosper and to become a model for other communities to follow.