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## For Immediate Release: March 18, 2020

On the evening of Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020; Mayor Richard Avol declared a Proclamation of Health Emergency in the City of Washburn. This proclamation will allow the Council, Committees & Boards to conducted city business remotely in accordance with Department of Justice guidelines for opening meeting laws and public participation. As a system is set up, we will announce how the public can participate without the need of physically attending these meetings.

As we adjust to the heightened level of concern over the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), effective immediately the City of Washburn has closed all municipal buildings to the public except for City Hall. These buildings include: Police Office, Fire Department & EMS Hall, Public Works Garage, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Library, and the Washburn Marina. City Hall will only be open for voting, voter registration and required meetings.

At this time, the polls will be open for the April 7, 2020 Spring Election. However, we encourage you to consider the option of an absentee ballot by mail. You can request this at www.myvote.wi.gov or by visiting the City of Washburn website www.cityofwashburn.org to complete a fillable form and mail back to City Hall.

We encourage the public to call or email staff with questions and issues or use the drop box at City Hall for payments and correspondence; this includes non-emergency matters for the police. City Hall: 715-373-6160, City Garage: 715-373-6171, Police Dept.: 715-373-6164.

Please understand that at this time we have a high volume of priority work related to the elections and keeping the public safe with COVID-19 precautions and adjustments. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to limit the exposure to our community.

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