

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY POLICY

As everyone knows, what is known as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been confirmed in Montana with cases in Yellowstone County. Currently there are NO known COVID-19 infections within the City of Laurel, but this is beyond the control of anyone.

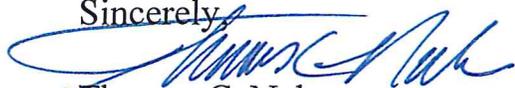
The City of Laurel is working with the Yellowstone County Public Health Department, but to help control this infection we need community efforts. While I realize everyone may be gravely concerned, including myself, PLEASE DO NOT PANIC! Pursuant to best practices, the City is recommending the following actions and preventions:

- Practice good hand hygiene (wash your hands with soap and water). Cough into your elbow or Kleenex (use only once). Do not touch your face without washing your hands.

- If you are sick, please stay at home. Do not enter City Hall. Please attempt to conduct your business by calling City Hall. It is most likely you will have one of the common viral infections and transmission should be avoided.

Due to the COVID-19 virus concerns, and out of an abundance of caution I have decided as Mayor to request the public not attend meetings in person. Rather, I would recommend you watch the meetings on Facebook Live which will be broadcast starting next week on the City's Facebook page. If you have comments, please submit any comments to City Hall in writing, or call a City Staff Member who will take your comment and submit it to the City Council Record. Please also consider paying Water/Sewer bills with a credit card over the phone or by dropping payment in the drop box at City Hall. In person payments should be avoided. This emergency policy will be in effect for approximately two weeks until March 31st, 2020, at which time the City will reevaluate this plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Nelson

Mayor