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City of Britt, Iowa Emergency Proclamation

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Britt, Iowa, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has rapidly increased across the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds has put in place numerous guidelines covering mask use, group gatherings, and many others to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the general public; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare providers and hospitals across the state have stated the emergent need to slow the spread of COVID-19 as their ICUs are full, staffing has become an issue, and elective and preventative care has been severely minimized or halted; and

WHEREAS, the 14-day positive test rate in Hancock County has surpassed 25%; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grant the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Britt.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan L. Arndorfer, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Britt, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following:

1. Beginning on Monday, November 23rd, all city buildings will be closed to public access until further notice. This includes City Hall, the Fire Station, Police Dept., Public Works Dept., etc. City staff will continue to work regular hours. Residents may do business with the city via telephone by calling 641-843-4433, via e-mail by using brittclerk.dsawyer@gmail.com, or by utilizing the payment options on our website and the dropbox located outside city hall.

2. City council meetings will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice. Meeting access information will be posted on the doors of City Hall 24 hours before each meeting, on the city website, and on Facebook.
3. Beginning on Monday, November 23rd, the Public Library will be open for pick-up and drop-off only, and by reservation for limited computer use (masks will be required in the library). Library staff will accept requests for loans and reservations via e-mail at brittpubliclibrary@mchsi.com or by phone at 641-843-4245. Returns must be placed in the exterior drop box.
4. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we recognize that some of our customers are in a position where they are unable to work. As a result, the City of Britt is waiving late fees and delinquent water service reconnection fees for the remainder of the year. Water shut-offs will continue, unless a payment arrangement is made.
5. The City Council and Mayor strongly encourage everyone to social distance and wear face shields or cloth masks when they are in proximity of other persons both in public as well as private locations, and that these practices continue indefinitely until substantial progress in curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus has been declared by public health officials. Masks will be required in all city buildings.
6. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Britt as future events warrant.
7. That any violation of any proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Britt, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Britt Police Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.

Dated this 20th Day of November, 2020.

By: 

Ryan L. Arndorfer, Mayor