

## City of Honey Grove Corona Virus or COVID-19 Virus Up-Date—March 25, 2020

The Honey Grove City Council in its 6:00 p.m. meeting March 24, met to consider and take action on postponing the Local Election on May 2 to the General Election on November 3, 2020 due to COVID-19 Virus; members of the council voted unanimously to postpone the election until November 3, 2020.

Secondly, the agenda was amended under Emergency Urgent Public Necessity Guidelines to consider and take action on a Proclamation of Local Disaster for the City of Honey Grove, Fannin County, Texas, in response to the Coronavirus. This Proclamation broadens the authority of the Mayor to act, on behalf of the city council, in a timely manner as circumstances change requiring an immediate response to the situation. This Proclamation will be in effect for 30 days and will be reviewed as needed by the City Council. From the Commissioners Court Meeting of March 24, Tammy Bigger indicated that no new cases of COVID-19 have reported in the county at this time. Neither the March 17, 2020 or March 24, 2020 Commissioners Court Proclamations mandated in-shelter confinement.

At this time the City of Honey Grove has implemented CDC Guidelines; therefore, in response to the potential spread of the Coronavirus, in the hope of “flatten the curve” for our citizens, Monday, March 16, steps were taken to protect both city employees and Honey Grove citizens. Until circumstances change, all foot traffic is being directed to the south entrance at city hall. When possible, city employees and citizens are asked to maintain the recommended 6-foot practice of social distancing, avoiding large group gatherings and following guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, such as washing hands often, using sanitizers, sneezing and coughing into the crook of one’s arm or into a Kleenex.

For this emergency (COVID-19) and in anticipation and preparation for responding to present and future emergencies, steps are underway to put into place an Emergency Action Plan for Honey Grove, identifying key individuals and action and resources to respond effectively and timely to the situation. Police Chief Leigh Dixon has been asked to lead this effort and will be reporting progress at the April 20 City Council Meeting.

The actions taken by the City of Honey Grove adhere and address responses to the declarations and proclamations provided by the World Health Organization Director, the President of the United States, the Governor of Texas, the Fannin County Commissioners Court.

Claude Caffee, Mayor

Honey Grove, Texas