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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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This is Mayor James Burgess. I would like to address the COVID-19 virus as it pertains to the City of Venus and citizens of Venus.

First, I want everyone to know that there is no reason for any of us to panic. The reason I believe this is we have each other. We still watch out for each other and keep a check on our neighbors since the early days of Venus. If someone was sick or injured everyone would rally and come to their aid. I believe that attitude and commitment hasn't changed in Venus. If you know of a neighbor or friend in need, please help them if you are able. If you are not able, please let everyone know about their needs on one of the local social media platforms. And I believe that the citizens of Venus will come through for them.

I have also instructed City Hall to go above and beyond and work with our citizens wherever possible to help during these trying times. I have given City Hall unusual latitude to work with our citizens. The safety of our citizens and city employees is forefront in every decision that we make as a city during this most unusual time. Dealing with the COVID-19 virus will mandate the City of Venus to implement temporary policies that will be inconvenient but necessary for the safety of everyone. Again, these are just temporary measures. And they will be reevaluated as the situation warrants.

Due to recent emergency declarations from federal, state, and county governments, including Johnson County and Ellis County, in regards to the COVID-19 situation, all permits for field use at Fielder Park are being cancelled as well as all rentals of the community center or other rentals of city facilities until June 1st. At that time, city staff, with recommendations from other government entities, will reevaluate the situation to make a determination on how to proceed going forward. This change is effective immediately. The health and safety of all of the citizens of Venus is at the forefront of our minds while making this decision.

Also, please follow all the mandates and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and federal, state, and county governments. We will make it through this together. And I will continue to keep everyone informed of any and all information that comes to my attention.

JAMES L. BURGESS
Mayor