

## Mayors minute special edition

The world, our country, our state, and yes, even our city is facing an unrepresented and unique challenge that is the COVID - 19. I want to visit with you all regarding this event, provide you with some information and settle your concerns as best I can.

First, I have been in contact with the City of West Health and Safety Committee and they in turn have received information from the County Health Agency on precautions that we should all take regarding this virus. As you have heard before it is suggested that you do the following: practice good hygiene by washing your hands often, lower your social contacts/ social distancing and most importantly if you feel ill stay at home and don't go to work.

The city has been in contact with West ISD which has closed the district for another week. We will at their request help deliver meals to children in the district if they request and need our assistance.

I have been in contact with West Rest Haven and report that they have implemented their flu procedures which prevents visitors at this time. Please understand that this requirement is for the best for the seniors in that facility and will be lifted as soon as reasonably possible.

In light of the run on paper products and other grocery items I want to advise for citizens not to flush wet wipes down the toilet. Even if they advertise flushable wipes these items do not disintegrate as well as regular toilet paper risking your plumbing becoming stopped up and worst affecting the wastewater drainage pipes of the city as well as clogging up our wastewater treatment plant. Please discard in the trash.

I will be holding a special called city council meeting this week and we will discuss with the council, community leaders, and church officials about various ways to help and protect our citizen's especially seniors. We will discuss about the City possibly helping those that need to self-isolate, possibly having those in need to call city hall and we will deliver food, water, and medicine needed. This will be dropped off on the porch in packages able to be handled by seniors. We will also decide if the Community Center and Public Library needs to be closed. Again, these items will be discussed at our meeting and we will notify the public by posting on our website ([www.cityofwest.com](http://www.cityofwest.com)), in the West News, and on our Facebook page.

This city and its citizens have handled far worse disasters than the COVID – 19 virus and I am sure we will survive and get through this current crisis as well.