



April 1, 2020

My Fellow Kenedians:

I would like to say **THANK YOU**, for the sacrifices you are making during these tumultuous times in our Nation, State, County, and the great City of Kenedy. Each sacrifice you make from social distancing to limiting your travels serves to further combat the spreading of the coronavirus known as COVID-19. As I travel throughout our wonderful community, I am constantly amazed with how each of you has embraced the direction from your Governing Body and Governor Abbott. There simply are not enough words to express my gratitude for how Kenedy has unified to do their part in defeating this virus through limiting its ability to spread. So, again, I say **THANK YOU!!**

Please keep in mind that this situation regarding the spreading of the COVID-19 virus is very fluid and changing constantly. With unlimited variables contributing to the spreading potential of the virus it is difficult for authorities to identify every known potential scenario. However, know that some of the greatest and most brilliant minds in their respective fields are committed to ending this crisis and facilitating a restoral of life as we knew it before COVID-19.

My fellow Kenedians, you all are truly amazing and it is a privilege and honor to serve you. Therefore, as your City Manager **the following** administrative actions are being **implemented immediately**:

- We are extending the suspension all late fees on utility bills from April 13, 2020 until May 13, 2020.
- There will be NO disconnections of water, sewer, or trash services for non-payment of services through May 13, 2020—this is an extension from the April 13, 2020 date.
- A table has been set up at City Hall where donations of food, water, and paper products may be dropped off for those who are in need to pick up.
- We are here to talk to. Sometimes you just need to know someone is here to listen. My office is open if you need to just talk or have a concern. If you prefer, you may call City Hall or email me at: citymanager@cityofkenedy.org.
- Our police and fire departments are still fully operational and here to serve and protect you.
- The office staff will gladly assist you in any way they can regarding questions you may have regarding City services, your utility bill, or other City related questions.
- If there is a leak, we will still show up to fix it.

If you would permit me a little latitude, I would like close with this:

My faith in God has brought me through many unforeseeable and treacherous situations. Without Him, I am not certain that I would be here today. The realization of the events transpiring around us today if not logically considered could excite the emotion of fear within many. This emotion of fear is powerful and gripping--if one lets it have control over them--however, as powerful as fear could be, God's ability to overcome fear is even greater. John Piper once said, "The presence of hope in the invincible sovereignty of God drives out fear." This ability to overcome fear, I have discovered, resides in my ability to let go of what I cannot ultimately control and to trust God to handle those issues. In fact, this yielding to God, I have found results in my becoming stronger and able to withstand the next challenge.

THANK YOU, again for the sacrifices you have made and are making together we make each other stronger.

I wish each of you a safe and blessed evening!

Respectfully,

William Linn

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"...Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."—Joshua 1:9