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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
PRESS RELEASE: COVID – 19  
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This morning (March 16<sup>th</sup>) Mayor Smith and City Administration met with department heads to discuss next steps in ensuring City operations continue to function while taking precautions that will help mitigate risk of exposure to our residents, employees and elected officials.

On Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Smith declared a State of Emergency for the City of Waupaca. This declaration has been made as a precautionary measure to ensure that the City will be able to most effectively respond as needed to what is a rapidly changing situation. More information on the emergency declaration has been sent to all local media in a separate document. That document can also be seen on the City website.

One precautionary measure being taken will be limiting attendance to Tuesday's (March 17<sup>th</sup>) regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. This meeting will be held at its normal time but will be closed to the public. This precaution is being taken to ensure the health of our residents and City Council members as we work to avoid failures to have a quorum due to health reasons. We would like to ensure that City Council has the ability to make decisions over the upcoming weeks so City business can continue to move forward.

Closures of the Recreation Center, Library and Senior Center remain in effect. All city sponsored programs or public events are also postponed until further notice. City Hall and the Police Department continue to remain open to the public at this time. We encourage anyone needing to conduct business at City Hall or the Police Department to please do so via phone or online when possible. All facility closures along with a timeline for closures will be discussed and determined at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We want to remind our residents that all essential City functions will continue.

Our staff and elected officials will continue to work together to provide timely updates over the upcoming days and weeks.

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