Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Layton City Residents,

Here is today’s update:

COVID-19

There have been several questions as to the need for additional steps to prevent the further spread of the virus. We met with the Davis County Health Department again last evening. Please be assured the situation is being constantly monitored and evaluated, and we maintain regular contact with those officials. While the number of confirmed cases has increased, the increases in Davis County have been significantly less. In other words, our residents are following the guidelines, and the numbers confirm that.

Just as the State Health Department is the lead agency for the State of Utah, our County Health Department takes the lead in these situations. They are carefully monitoring the reported numbers, upon which they base their decisions. (Please review that information at https://www.daviscountyutah.gov/health/covid-19/dashboard.) The Health Department is the entity that would issue any orders, and we would then support and enforce those orders as appropriate. Remember the Governor’s Directive discussed the need for decisions to be made locally, as the circumstances are so varied across the State.

As with all difficult circumstances there are a multitude of interests that need to be balanced. Some are as simple as keeping the parks open, but closing the use of the playground equipment. Other situations weigh heavier – maintaining business operations while reducing contact between people. That balancing of interests was evident in the Governor’s Directive as he asked us to stay home, but also asked us to support restaurants three nights a week, albeit by drive-through or curbside pickup. We support that measured and balanced approach.

We have confidence in our community that we will continue to follow the directions of the health professionals, which will curtail the spread, and eventually stop this virus. Stay home, stay safe, yet support our local businesses – they are us!

Again, we thank you for the measures you have taken to slow the virus – but now is not the time to ease up. Please remain vigilant.

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Joy Petro
Councilmember Zach Bloxham
Councilmember Tom Day
Councilmember Dawn Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Clint Morris
Councilmember Dave Thomas