

City Administrator David Cameron reminded everyone the Highway 174/60 Highway project is coming soon. It is going to be difficult during the road work but will be a great improvement for the community when it is done. There is a lot of growth and development in Republic.

Mr. Cameron shared he is thankful for the vision Jared and all the staff had for being able to open and get things moving again. Mr. Cameron shared it is disappointing to have to postpone Have A Blast, but we look forward to it on Labor Day weekend. It will be a great event and we will do it right.

Report from Mayor:

Mayor Jeff Ussery shared we have been fairly aggressive allowing normalcy in people's lives, but with 10,000 people from who knows where, it would not be responsible for us to move forward with Have A Blast as scheduled. We have a lot of irons in the fire leading up to that event and we want to give the same level of service as in years past. It is a hard decision to make as cases are likely to increase as things reopen, but testing remains at a low capability. We had to make the right decision responsibly and want to be able to practically social distancing. We also do not want to be an epicenter of a spike in cases due to our decisions. It is important for our businesses to be able to continue operating as they are, and we don't want to jeopardize that since we have so many small business owners.

Mayor Jeff Ussery shared he spoke to Clay Goddard about the 8 cases that have occurred recently. He confirmed they are not from reopening business but rather from travel or close physical contact with known COVID-19 cases. Mayor Ussery thanked Council since this has been a pressure cooker and they get a lot of questions and comments on a polarizing topic. Council has maintained a cool head and it makes it so much easier for us and staff when there is a cool-headed Council making decisions based on facts and not fear.

Mayor Jeff Ussery shared with Jared he has heard many positive comments about reopening the pool and starting games so kids can get out and play. Mayor Ussery shared he is thankful for the work put into it to give kids some normalcy in a safe way. Mayor Ussery shared it is good for the kids to get back into activities.

Report from Council:

Council Member Franklin shared he agrees with everyone that Republic has done a great job and is privileged to be a part of it. Mr. Franklin shared he is thankful for the work done from parks to the water plant. Mr. Franklin shared it has been a joy for the Zoom meetings running as smooth as possible.

Adjournment

Mayor Ussery adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.