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## PRESS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*Re: Caldwell City Council Emergency Meeting*

An emergency Caldwell City Council Meeting was called for the date of Tuesday, March 24, 2020 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency City response.

Caldwell City Council members unanimously passed ordinance No. 3273, which authorizes Mayor Nancolas to implement “by appropriate order any measures, at his discretion and until 9:00pm on April 20, 2020, that are recommended by public health agencies to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

At this time, Canyon County has confirmed 6 cases of COVID-19.

In compliance with state and federal recommendations, the City of Caldwell will not issue a shelter-in-place warning at this time. Businesses are encouraged to practice social distancing recommendations by the CDC and utilize takeout and curbside pickup services.

“I will work very closely with other [governments and health districts] to make sure that whatever we do is well thought out and in the best interests of our community... I don’t think that cities should be ahead or behind the public health departments,” said Mayor Nancolas during the meeting.

All employees are encouraged to work from home if able and to stay home if exhibiting any symptoms of illness.

Caldwell elected and appointed officials continue to work closely with all local health districts, emergency preparedness planners and other local officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The safety and health of our citizens and staff remain our highest priority.

The situation is being monitored extremely closely. As it changes, city recommendations or orders are subject to change as well. The public will be updated of any changes as they occur.

The City of Caldwell would like to take this opportunity to thank the public for their cooperation. We have seen multiple acts of kindness over the last few weeks that are heartening in these difficult times. We are all reminded of what a resilient and special community we live in.

Lastly, continued thanks go out to our first responders, health care workers and all businesses and industries, large and small who are helping members of this community to get through this difficult time.