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Partial Closure of City Hall

Several City of Hobbs departments are currently experiencing issues caused by a power outage and power surge that hit City Hall during the early hours of Saturday that have caused the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system to partially fail. The phone system and internet network have also been affected and are experiencing intermittent outages. Due to the uncomfortable and quickly rising temperatures in several areas of the building, City Hall will close to in-person service at noon on Monday, September 18th through the rest of the day.

The regularly scheduled Commission meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on this day will be held in the Commission Chambers as usual as this in an unaffected area of the City Hall campus.

The departments and divisions included in this partial closure are listed below. Previously held appointments will be honored unless an employee reaches out to the attendees to reschedule.

Buildings and Permits	Engineering and Planning
City Manager's Office	Finance
Clerk's Office	Human Resources
Code Enforcement/Animal Control	Legal
Communications/Public Information	Water Office

Each of the affected departments provide key services to this community that are important in order for many businesses and residents to function smoothly in their daily lives, and staff are working around the clock to get all services back online and assist the public in person. City Manager Manny Gomez stated, "It is important to note that the damage caused by the power surge was a matter of an act of God that was unpreventable. All facilities have maintenance schedules for the equipment and facility of which are up-to-date at City Hall. We ask for your patience as staff worked through the weekend and continue to dedicate their time and efforts to both correcting this issue as well as providing solutions to maintain services."

Continuous updates regarding the closure and reopening will be made via future social media post(s) and press release(s). Staff will continue to attend work and find creative ways to provide services during this time. No late fees will be incurred during this time. If anyone needs assistance, they may contact City Hall at communications@hobbsnm.org or via the City of Hobbs Facebook or Instagram pages.

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