

Name: Ted L Diehl

Address: 1520 N Lacrosse St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid 19 Pandemic

Comment:

Do members of the council realize that restaurants are capable and willing to implement social distancing? We can regulate the number customers dining and we can also spread individuals out. Also we know that if an employee comes to work sick that they must be immediately sent home. We understand that if we were to allow them to work that they could effect the health of countless others. Currently Rapid City doesn't have an issue. We are not overwhelmed with Covid 19 patience. I firmly believe that if everyone does their part and does the five we can slowly open public places back up. 50% occupancy and every other table.

Name: Ben Johnson

Address: 1835 Harmony Heights

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid Closures

Comment:

I realize that you are going to vote tonight to keep the city closed for two more weeks. I ask though in this next two weeks you consider at least to start opening up the city in phases. Much like the president had issued out last week. So far our Covid numbers have been drastically down in the area. Hospital workers are consistently getting sent home because the hospital is so slow (in essential areas too like the ED) which is the reason for all this. Please let our Local economy start again. We're getting to the point where the cure is worse than the sickness.

Name: Laura Hovey Neubert

Address: 1327 State St

Rapid City SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid Closure

Comment:

Black Hills ghost towns of the past need to stay in the past. While I appreciate a sound policy of care for the well-being of all members of our community, Rapid City has a unique, economic leadership role in this region. We now know how to manage the risks of this plague. It's time to encourage and give courage to those willing to restart the Rapid City economy. Thank you, Mayor and Council, but let's move on!

Name: Stephanie Winter

Address: Canfield Business Interiors

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Covid -19 Crisis

Comment:

I commend the work the council and all of Rapid City and the state's government entities on dealing with an unprecedented thing like Covid-19 outbreak. In times like this of the "unknown" epidemic... the right thing was to set strict standards and governing that protect people in your communities, otherwise the unthinkable may have occurred.

Please, consider all the facts...(case and death rate/%age information of SD and all states etc.) and current state of the local hospital and economy when making decisions to support Rapid City people. There is much information out that we have learned from out there. And knowing decisions are fluid and can be re-looked at. People need leadership and will follow the community lead/stance..... or fears .... that you take on this. Thank you for leading strongly!

Name: Jennifer Konvalin

Address: 816 Enchantment Rd

Rapid City 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Re-opening the city

Comment:

Thank you for your time and considerations during this very difficult/unprecedented time. As a local CPA and business advisor, I cannot begin to tell you the desperation we have been hearing and helping our clients through. This is challenging for all, in many different ways. But, a guided, organized approach to re-opening things in our city will be extremely vital to our local economy recovering from this. I understand medical and health concerns, and do think there are people in our community who need more care. However, taking away the greatest majority of employees and business owners to continue earning a living will expand to a much larger percentage of guaranteed negatively affected in our community. Things like divorce rates, child abuse, hungry children (and others), homelessness, mental illness and likely increased suicide rates are all going to even more negatively affect our community. Thank you

Name: Sandy Steele

Address: 1100 West Blvd N., Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: COVID-19

Comment:

Please do NOT open Rapid City until we know we are SAFE, our future depends on you!

Thank you, stay healthy Rapid City!!

Name: Tobin Mason

Address: 722 Alta Vista Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Let's get things going again. We have 10 cases in over a month with one death in Pennington County. Lots of other cities/states are in discussions about getting things back going in much was affected areas then we have been. The economic and mental anguish will cause way more pain and suffering then a virus ever will. We are acting on what might happen as opposed to what is actually happening right in front of us how does and increase in domestic abuse, suicide, bankruptcies, foreclosures, stress, depression, unemployment, and loss of freedoms.

Liberate Rapid City!

Name: Allyn Smith

Address: Box 452 Newell, SD 57760

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: reopening business

Comment:

I do not live in RC but I do own a business (Traders Market) which is located in RC. My recommendations are to proceed very carefully in reopening RC. We need to have adequate testing before we go ahead full bore in opening restaurants and bars Thank You Al Smith



Name: Barbara Wamsley

Address: 6148 Wildwood Dr, Rapid City

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Re-opening the City

Comment:

Please consider re-opening the City of Rapid City May 1st with these considerations in mind. Continue to follow CDC guidelines such as wearing masks and social distancing, and continue to monitor health care and economic outcomes. One possible suggestion is to have "soft openings" to allow enough space for safe social distancing in restaurants and gyms, etc. Businesses, the Government and employees are all suffering from this closure. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Bryan Vulcan

Address: 4949 Penrose Place

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: 32

Comment:

Mr. Mayor and Members of the City Council. I applaud you on the previous actions taken to curb the affects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. I believe, for the most part, the measures were effective. When combined with our natural ability to adequately self distance from each other, we in Rapid City are fortunate that we have not had but a relatively few infections. I do, however, believe it's time we begin to bring things back to a more normal state. Using a mixture of responsible practices, we can confidently begin to re-open businesses. While we should refrain from large gatherings for a time and limit bars and restaurants from over-occupation we can also allow them to re-open. I trust in your judgment as you consider all aspects of this topic. Good luck in your decisions. Bryan Vulcan

Name: Shon Anderson

Address: 4041 Canyon Drive

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: CC042020-03

Comment:

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a parent, son of an elderly mother, homeowner and business leader, I would ask that you consider scenarios under which businesses can reopen vs a black/white decision of reopen or not. Examples of actions you could take to ensure precautions are in place would be: limiting travel into Pennington County from hotspots (or requiring quarantine if you do come from a hotspot), reducing acceptable occupancy to 1/2 of current building occupant capacities, requiring face masks, etc. In addition you can strongly recommend that the elderly wear masks, continue to remain socially distanced, and encourage businesses to offer special considerations for the elderly as many are (i.e. alternate hours) etc.

We must use a safe, Rapid City data-based approach rather than rely on CNN's horror stories from the national hotspots to guide us.

Name: Dr. Jeffrey D. Burns

Address: 505 Kansas City St.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: opening business

Comment:

Based on federal guidelines it appears that Rapid City should begin phasing in the opening of more local business'. There are plenty of hospital beds open, the curve is blunted. We can still observe social distancing. We need to get people back to work. Keep the vulnerable ie. nursing homes locked down. Thank You..

Name: Brian Chleborad

Address: 2955 Dundee Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: CC042020-03

Comment:

I am in favor of consideration of reopening businesses in Rapid City.

I believe this can be accomplished through a safe and data-based approach. The data continues to show that Rapid City is well below the benchmark set and is overreacting. We can continue to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and at the same time allow businesses to operate and survive.

Name: Shannon M Brinker

Address: 1407 Saint Cloud St

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Covid 19

Comment:

Local businesses are suffering. I know that it won't be "business as usual" for some time but please support reasonable loosening of restrictions. Business owners are self-policing and will also have public pressure to do the right thing in terms of public safety.

Name: Sandra Burns

Address: 6828 Muirfield Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID-19 Restrictions

Comment:

I feel it is time to open up our businesses and get back to regular operations. We have no hospitalizations at this time and no virus spread areas. The damage is significant to the small businesses who may not be able to survive this shutdown and that means people out of work, more poverty, and more depression. The economic impact to the city, county, and citizens is staggering. There is no reason to keep our city shut down.

Name: David Hanna

Address: 10120 Pioneer Avenue

Rapid City SD 57702

605-431-7118

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID Shutdown Ordinance

Comment:

In encourage you to open up our economy in a measured, sequential way.

In my business (payroll software/service) we see directly, the severe payroll impacts to local and regional people. And, they ARE severe. Unemployment figures, though startling, are still inherently low due to the SD DOL struggling with the high volume of applicants and new rules from the Feds.

Today we have 3 (THREE, you can count them on ONE hand) active cases in the Black Hills - let's crawl, not run, back into our economy. The crawling should start today.

Thank you for your service during some incredibly difficult times with difficult decisions.



Name: Kristina Simmons

Address: 2746 W Saint Anne St. Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Reopening businesses

Comment:

I understand the pressure of wanting to resume business as usual, I've been reading comments from the community about how we are not East River and that people think we're somehow immune. We are a tourist destination. Once we reopen, so do the tourist destinations, bringing in thousands of people from all over the world. Numbers are low because we are flattening the curve and it's working. Reopen the Black Hills and we become the next hot spot. This is not fear-based thinking or fake news, it's science. We should be trusting the CDC and medical professionals that are on the front lines. COVID doesn't care if you're Republican or Democrat, it doesn't discriminate. I believe in our community and that we will persevere but we must work together and not for our own self-interests because we feel inconvenienced. Thank you.

Name: Stephen Manlove MD

Address: 636 St. Anne St.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Physical distancing

Comment:

Now is the absolute wrong time to reduce physical distancing. There is a tidal wave in Sioux Falls that looms on the horizon. We can minimize the impact of viral spread from Sioux Falls to the Rapid City community by keeping people away from each other as much as possible. People are the vector of the illness. Without close physical contact the virus cannot spread. It would be wise to ask all people to wear masks in public settings since masks limits the distance an infected person (symptomatic or asymptomatic) can project the virus. Finally, it may be wise to monitor people coming into our community. For instance, it would be a good time to ask people from Sioux Falls to stay out of our community. This is tough stuff, but death is tough too.

Name: Monte Hartl

Address: 9356 Neck Yoke Rd

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: 32. CC042020-03 - Review and Discuss whether to allow the mandatory closures contained in Ordinance 6412 to expire on April 22nd, or whether the closures should be extended for an additional period of time. Recommendation: Council Discussion

Comment:

In regard to the following addenda item: CCo42020-03

I propose for your consideration that restaurants with outside seating and rearranged inside seating that confirms with social distancing be reinstated to open. Restaurants in surrounding areas have stayed open during the last 4 weeks and restaurants in neighboring city's such as Fort Pierre are taking this approach beginning this week. Bars and Casinos could be forthcoming in the step by step approach in reopening business's and allowing employees to return to work. Currently, we probably have the cleanest society and everyone is aware of proper hygiene and the importance of keeping their business clean and sanitized. It is time to do this type of controlled approach to in order to get back to a normal society. Thank you

Name: Michael Bell

Address: 617 Dilger Ave

Rapid City

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: CC042020-03

Comment:

The Covid-19 business ordinance may be having a beneficial impact in preventing the spread of the illness, however I will insist for the entire duration of this situation that it cannot be considered to be anything more than a VERY temporary measure to lessen the immediate impact of the disease. Already, there are signs that several restaurants and other public places are starting to become financially stressed, with one restaurant owner who I spoke with indicating that he personally is forgoing any and all personal income for himself and his family to ensure that his staff gets paid. This ordinance absolutely MUST not last any longer than it has to and certainly not a split second more than the original 60 day timeframe.

And Mayor Allender, with all due respect, stay off CNN; a network with a very well documented and notorious history of disseminating blatantly false, incorrect, and misleading information.

Name: David g. Lane

Address: 2420 Prairie Avenue

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: construction growth at a perilous time

Comment:

With commercial businesses experiencing growth like never before it might be wise to take a more conservative approach and hold their money for the inevitable soft economy that surely lies ahead. With an economy underpinned by tourism, potential dollars lost to this area may well be over 40%. Staying alive might be the most important prerequisite in the coming months. Especially if our governor does nothing to curb travel from east to west.

Name: Luke Krueger

Address: 3816 Brookside Dr.

Rapid City, SD

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I'm curious if the decisions being used to determine Rapid City's course of action are informed with current data.

I read the address to Mayor Allender a few weeks back from local doctors who were requesting to have the city shut down. I was deeply troubled that no source was listed on the "Harvard study" that informed their position. Projection models that determined the course of the nation, and to a large degree the world, were extremely exaggerated from the beginning and have been continually scaled back. There is plenty of real world data available now that supports a strategy of opening the economy back up. Meanwhile we are in very real danger of economic hardship that comes with its own mortality and social ills. I hope the decision makers of this wonderful city are making an earnest effort to hear all sides of this situation. Thank you.

Name: Tracy Koskan

Address: 12965 Old Hill City Rd

Keystone, SD 57751

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Businesses closed

Comment:

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to reopen Rapid City. I am writing on April 17th. Restaurants, bars, and gyms are still open in Sioux Falls. Businesses have been closed for over 3 weeks and we have only seen a total of 10 cases in our whole county. By keeping Rapid City closed, you are hurting individuals, families, businesses, and kids. In South Dakota, 22,000 people have filed for unemployment since mid-March. With businesses closed, people in Rapid City are not allowed to earn an income, put food on their tables, and have purpose. Kids aren't allowed to be outside playing in the parks getting much needed Vitamin D and getting their energy out. I couldn't find information from Rapid City, but around the country domestic violence, substance abuse, suicide, and depression are significantly higher. States like Ohio and Michigan are planning on opening their states by May 1st. Please reopen all businesses in Rapid

Name: Angie Stanford

Address: Angie Stanford

312 48th Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Ordinance

Comment:

Our mitigation efforts are working. Please stay the course at least to the end of the 30-day period suggested by the Covid -19 Task Force. This gives our hospital time to prepare to the level our governor expects and provides time to properly implement the new testing and treatment options. Don't allow the sacrifices many have already made to be in vein.

Thank you.



Name: Jean Kostenbader

Address: 14010 Birdie Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Though I don't live within City limits, I want to commend the Mayor and City Council members for their leadership and courage in the early issuance of the shelter at home recommendation as well as the steps taken to close certain businesses in order to protect the area as COVID-19 spreads. We see the out-of-control spread in Sioux Falls and can't help but think Rapid City's slow spread is due in great part to your actions. Your leadership is helping to protect the people we will rely on the most as time passes....our healthcare workers and those who help keep our grocery stores stocked and operating. Thank you.

Name: Robin pigsley

Address: 308 Flormann Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: House taxes

Comment:

Due to the effects of covid-19 will there be a delay granted in house taxes that are due at the end of April? Thank you for your time.

Name: Robin Lewis

Address: 4640 Sturgis Rd.

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Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Stopping the pandemic.

Comment:

Why haven't we shut down the county? What are you doing to curtail the spend? People aren't staying home. What can we do about that? Can you answer please.

Name: Don Tooley

Address: 4640 Sturgis rd. Lot#13. Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

FACE MASKS and GLOVES FOR ALL. Make everyone wear a face mask and gloves to obtain any service. Including all indoor contact. IE. Walmart, quick stops etc. Thanks for listening... Don

Name: Cindy Schoeneman

Address: 2140 CR 59

Alliance, NE 69301

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Down Town Parking

Comment:

I think you should consider suspending the downtown parking meters while people are quarantined. It is causing hardship for the people living downtown who have lost their jobs or who now have to work or attend virtual classes from home. It is enough that they have no income but now have to pay for parking or tickets.

Name: mark millar

Address: 1133 northeast dr.

rapid city,sd 57701

Meeting:

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: general

Comment:

guess I,m coming down to dare the council to take a real look at the local response to covid-19. Mistakes made at the head of the RCPD are endangering the entire community. Am I the only person with enough backbone to wrestle with this issue. Being a council member should be about the peoples issues not about being a minion for the mayor. But you all look in your mirrors and I look at mine. You all got my email this is no surprise but in case you lost it some how the incident report I filed is 20-204235. But save sometime to look into the accused virus carrier tazzed by police. Better call Noney that's gonna hurt.