Comment:

I grew up in RC & have a BS & MS in comp sci from SDSMT. I had no job opportunities in RC. I moved to Seattle for a job with Microsoft for 10 yrs. Todd graduated from SDSMT & took a job in Seattle. Once our first child was born, we decided to return to RC. We were only able to do that by working remotely. We are dedicated to using our time & resources to encourage local STEM opportunities for our children. I am part of Youth in Science RC. We host a conference for 800 7th grade girls to encourage STEM careers. Todd is an entrepreneur in residence at SDSMT. He has provided countless hours of advice to students. Where are they going to work? We need to have good jobs HERE if we want to keep these people in our city. I don’t want my children to have to leave the area to find a job. Property Meld is an incredible success story for RC. Tonight’s decision to support a local company’s growth is a step in the right direction.
Name: Mandie O'Meara
Address: 4282 Tower Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Property Meld building site
Comment:
I am writing this as a resident of Rapid City to please work with the developer to allow Property Meld to build their new building, with the aesthetics that they want, at the location that they are planning for downtown. Property Meld will bring more high paying, quality jobs to our community. This company is growing quickly and chose Rapid City for its Headquarters and we should embrace them and what they can bring to our community! I believe the new Property Meld building will add to the pleasing and welcoming environment downtown that we have been building as a community for the past several years.
I believe the City should support this project since it accomplishes two important items. One, it will create 100 jobs in Rapid City that are good paying and are not seasonal. Two, it is in line with the Master Plan and economic goals of the City. These are the types of projects and partnerships we need for a strong future.
Name: Michael Gibson
Address: 7290 Tanager Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: 406 St. Joseph building and parking lot
Comment:
This is an important vote that will show how genuinely committed the community is to economic development and growing STEM jobs. I have an advanced degree from SDSM&T (EE ’93). For many SDSM&T graduates, the decision to remain in the area often carries with it the decision to be underemployed. This is a chance to create good technology jobs, diversify our economy and retain talent in the region. This is what we say we want to do as a community.
Live Well Black Hills, a coalition of private and nonprofit community members, is asking you to support the authorization of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Rapid City and Ferber Engineering Company to extend the Cambell Street bike path.

Constructing designated bike paths and increasing bike path connectivity are important steps in promoting a safe transportation alternative and connecting users to key areas in the community. Under the city’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2011), the City of Rapid City highlighted its goals for bicycling to become a viable mode of transportation for the area. Extending the bike path in this location is a significant step for increasing cyclist safety and access to key locations, such as Western Dakota Tech and Rapid Valley. Please authorize the Professional Services Agreement for the Cambell Street Bike Path Extension, promoting safe bikeability on Cambell Street.
Name: Dianna Komes
Address: 2034 Atlantic Drive
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: General Public Comment
Comment:

I have turned in pictures of a chicken farmer that lives behind me. Five years of never mowing their yard. There is chicken poop everywhere. They don't use the coop and chickens are just roaming around. You can't believe the smell that comes with chicken poop. I do not support chickens inside or outside city limits.
Name: Michelle Emmert  
Address: 4802 Tanager Court, Rapid City, SD 57702  
Meeting: City Council  
Comment Type: General Public Comment  
Agenda Item: Chickens inside the city limits  
Comment:

I am all for allowing chickens in the city limits. We just moved here a year ago from living in Europe and almost everyone in there has chickens in their backyard. We decided that we would like to try keeping chickens and were thrilled that we did. Easy to keep, inexpensive and they eat the bugs in the yard, especially ticks. Which would be good around here with all the deer possibly carrying deer ticks. Great hands on learning for kids and chickens are incredibly entertaining...may help with getting the kids away from the video games. There are so many advantages to keeping chickens, hard to list them all, but there are several large cities in the US that allow chickens inside the city limits. Thank you.
Name: logan rushton
Address: 410 41st st Rapid City SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Commnet
Agenda Item: Chickens in city limits
Comment:
I feel that allowing residents to own chickens in city limits is a good idea.
Name: David Holland
Address: 1105 Saint Cloud Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Urban hens
Comment:
I support allowing hens in city limits. The pros are fresh eggs, food security and that they make great pets. We had 2 hens living across the street from our house for the past year. I never heard or smelled them.

I think the limit should be 6.

I do not think there should be a limit on the size of property or setback requirements.

The ordinance should be based on fact and not myths. For example: 1) Chickens smell. Fact: the average chicken produces 1.5 ounces of manure per day while dogs produce 0.75 lbs. 2) Chickens are noisy. Fact: hens cluck at about 60 decibels or about the same as human conversation. In contrast, dog barking is between 80 - 120 decibels 3) Chickens carry disease. Fact: chickens carry no more disease than dogs or cats. In fact, they eat ticks and other critters that transmit lyme disease, tapeworm and heartworm.

Young people want to live in cities that allow chickens. It’s a positive for our city!
Name: Heather Jansen
Address: 3120 Gypse Road
Rapid City, Sd 57703
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens

Comment:
Chickens are a wonderful and easy way for families to contribute to their own well being. As a new owner to chickens, I researched proper care, pest control, and winterizing. With simple methods and common cents, chickens can help keep the insect population down and provide food for your family. My hens are smart little ladies and keeping the coop clean hasn't been a difficult task at all. Let Rapid City have it's hens.
Name: Margareta Evans
Address: 3726 Park Dr.
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Urban Hens

Comment:
I would have no problems with a few chickens next door. I have had dogs that were a bigger problem. I would suggest to talk to the neighbors before any chickens are brought in, it is just polite. Chickens are work and the coop has to be cleaned every day so not to attract flies and have a really bad odor. I have had chickens so I know all about it. They will cackle when they lay an egg but most of the time they are fairly quiet.
Name: Denise Brown

Address: 3735 City View Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I am in support of residents of Rapid City being permitted to own urban hens. I agree that only 4 hens per house should be allowed and that hen owners be responsible for keeping the area clean. Thank you for your consideration.
Name: Amy Weiers
Address: 4001 Canyon Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens in City Limits
Comment:
My family and myself are in full support of having chickens within city limits. I think it's crazy that places in California, New York, etc. can have chickens, but here in rural SD we can't have chickens within city limits.

Some of the main reasons why we should have chickens in our backyards are education for our children and others around us (both chickens in general and how to take care of them to lay eggs); egg production; and companionship.

I hope that our city can come into agreement to say yes to this change and I hope that everyone who decides to get chickens will do it properly by educating themselves, being respectful of those around them, and being respectful for their animals.

Thanks for listening,
Name: Krysta Scott
Address: 4877 Cliff Dr
Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item:
Comment:
I am in support of allowing hens within Rapid City city limits.
Name: Sarah Rushton
Address: 410 41st St
Rapid city, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Urban Chicken project
Comment:
Our family would really benefit by having hens. We want our children to learn to take care of chickens as well as having a healthier option of fresh eggs from chickens who are treated well. Hens are quieter than dogs and we would be more than willing to pay for a license and follow all the rules as far as having a secure pen/chicken she’d. We have been very sad that we haven’t been able to have chickens and would be so grateful if we could. It would give us more reason to stay living in this city and we are good citizens without complaints from any of the animals we currently have.
Name: Christina Arrufat
Address: 4800 Everest Rd lot 57
Rapid City SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: City hens
Comment:
I think it would great to be able to have chickens with in city limits. I know many that would like to have to for self staining reasons. I personally like them as pets.
Name: Cheryl Allen
Address: 603 Tanglewood Ln Box Elder 57719
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens
Comment:
Yes, I would love to have chickens.
Name: Robyn Ellis
Address: 5208 Chateaux Ridge Court
Rapid City SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: hen ordinance
Comment:

I am in full support of the hen ordinance. They are not loud, or cause any annoyance. If you have never own chickens you are missing out. They are very relaxing to sit with and can help people with mental illnesses. People could be housing chickens indoors of their homes and it really would be unfair to the chicken. Plus, they provide nutrition with their fresh eggs.
Name: Lindsay Christie
Address: 2335 Hoefer Ave - Rapid City, SD
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Urban Hen Ordinance
Comment:
I support the Urban Hen Ordinance, please consider approving this for RC.
Hello, my name is Dr. Jamin Hubner and I'm an economics professor at Western Dakota Tech. I am baffled that it's 2020 and not legal to own chickens in your own yard in Rapid City. Every city from Sioux Falls to Boulder Colorado refuses to criminalize the ownership of chickens, because they apparently believe in freedom and property rights. The city of Rapid City apparently has different values, and in one sector of the economy to another continues to increase the regulatory burden on residents, as if this was in any way necessary, or an indicator of progress or leadership. I don't understand, and neither do any of my students.
Name: Marcia Ann Talley
Address: 238 East Saint Andrew street
Rapid city, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: HENS
Comment:
I completely 100% support the Urban Hen Ordinance. I see nothing but positive results from this ordinance.
Hello!

I am writing in support of an ordinance for raising hens in Rapid City. Throughout this year, one thing that I have felt passionately about is bringing my food sources local. During the early stages of the pandemic, this need was greatly highlighted and local producers couldn't keep up with demand for local products. Local food sources are more sustainable and healthier. Please allow our community the privilege of raising hens.
Name: Elli Schwiesow
Address: 912 Saint Andrew Street
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chicken Ordinance
Comment:

I am very much in support of urban, limit 4 hens, ordinance! Have see it work all over our country in very urban areas! We live in the West Blv area and would gladly participate in a pilot program.
Name: Natalie Wheaton
Address: 4723 Coal Bank dr, Rapid City SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Urban Hen ordinance
Comment:
I have been a homeowner in Rapid City for the past 8 years. I would like to voice a strong support for the Urban Hen Ordinance. I think there should be a limit to 10 hens plus 1 rooster per a 0.25 acre of property. However, hens should definitely be allowed
Name: Justine Miller
Address: 712 Allen Ave
Rapid city sd 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: urban chickens
Comment:
Please allow chickens in city limits. I would like to be self sustained with eggs while teaching my children how to care for animals.
Name: Brittany Seidl
Address: 2313 Arrow St. Rapid City, SD 57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Chickens in city limits
Comment:
I support the motion to allow residents within Rapid City limits to own and raise hen chickens. It is an excellent way to promote local food sources and to encourage children and adults alike to take sustainable action in their community.
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Name: Paula Long Gox
Address: 10520 Canyon Place
RC, SD
57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: HRC
Comment:
I am supportive of MOA and HRC blending into one to help our community move into the future with respect for all.
For the last several year, MOA-Rapid City, has worked tirelessly to build relationships and worked to come up with solutions with race-relations in Rapid City. There’s no magic pill to make improvements, instead, we have learned that we must make it daily practice to learn about one another. We must listen to multiple perspectives in our community, then we are better able to come up with solutions. As we look to improve our community, especially for our children, we would greatly benefit from using the work that MOA has already built. We ask for your support and contributions, to partner with the MOA platform, because it would greatly benefit our community. To keep the work of MOA going, combined with your support and guidance, to better race relations in our community would help build our community relations greatly, into the future.
Name: Liz Hamburg
Address: 3919 Mountain Shadow Place, Rapid City SD  57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Human Relations Task Force Presentation
Comment:

As the CEO of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation and a citizen of Rapid City I completely support the changes recommended for the Human Relations Commission.

I believe the development of a public-private partnership to proactively work to understand and improve Native-Non-Native relationships as well as addressing a broad base of other citizen issues will serve as an asset to our City and the Black Hills region.