Comment: Please vote yes to get the backyard hens on the agenda items for a vote. I know that there has been negative comments on social media regarding this but as most know the squeaky wheel gets the grease. There are many in support of this and other cities have been doing this for years. I noticed a lot of the negative comments were geared to smell, noise, small lot sizes etc. this will not be a problem if people keep them within the bounds of the rules. If anything, consider requiring larger lots for example over one acre. Currently I believe that you can own them on more than 3 acres. Reduce that to one acre and it would be a great compromise.
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I am not in favor of changing city ordinances to allow backyard hens in the city of Rapid City. I am primarily concerned for the potential risk of injury to people and pets. Predators will be drawn to the homes that are keeping backyard hens. There isn't any ordinance that can keep predators such as skunks, coyotes, mountain lions, snakes, racoons, mice, etc from roaming our neighborhoods in search of any easy meal. It is also known that backyard flocks have caused diseases such as salmonella and coccidiosis to be transmitted to humans.