Name: Sandra L Kasen
Address: 4077 CANYON DRIVE
Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting:
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Mask wearing

Comment:
To Laura Armstrong

Thank you for encouraging city council members to wear a mask to city council meetings. Thank you for providing masks for members who did not wear one and encouraging city council members to wear a mask at meetings.

Sandra Kasen
Name: Robert Sack
Address: 4311 Henry Court
Rapid City, SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Commnet
Agenda Item:
Comment:
If citizens have to wear a masks into city building and do so to conduct business, then City Council members need to also. They are citizens first in this city and council members by election, or are there a sets of rules and laws for city council members, and different ones for non elected citizens.
Name: Sandy Steele
Address: 1100 West Blvd N., Rapid City SD
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: COVID 19
Comment:
Save us! Shut it down before it is too late.
Name: Quincy Gardner
Address: 628 Sage Ave
Rapid City SD 57701
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Rapid City Hens
Comment:

I was asked to also share this comment in left on the FB group :) thanks again for taking the time to read our comments! “So glad to see this happening! We just moved here from Central Oregon where you can have chickens in all the surrounding area cities. I’ve personally seen how growing chickens in the city can be successful. We came from a small farm but I have tons of friends that raised them in city limits. Im used to having quite a crew but just being given the choice to have a small amount makes me so so happy! Taking control of our food supply is a big priority for my family ????”
Name: Quincy Gardner

Address: 628 Sage Ave
Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

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Agenda Item: Rapid City Hens

Comment:
Firstly I want to thank the council for addressing this topic and the Rapid City Hens group for advocating so hard on this. I have been a chicken keeper the last 7 years until moving here in October. In that time I’ve not only fed my own family but also been able to supplement other families’ grocery budgets & provide high quality fresh eggs. Before saying no I task you to do some digging into the egg industry/how it works and see if you like everything you find. This is humans with a desire to provide better than what they can find at a store. Dare I say it, humans who want to take control of their food supply locally. This is behavior to be encouraged not shut down. Chickens also provide so much more than just an egg. They provide a desirable end for our food scraps, turn it into compost which can be used in gardening, meaning less trash being mummified in a land fill, a smaller carbon footprint and more local clean food!
Name: Rep Tamara StJohn
Address: 702 Old Agency Dr #142
Sisseton SD 57262
Meeting: Legal and Finance
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: #14 Land Exchange
Comment:

My name is Tamara StJohn and I am member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and am the current historian and archivist for the tribe. I also serve as a legislator in the South Dakota House of Representatives for District 1. I lived in Rapid City for many years and my family is still a part of the local community.

I have watched closely the ongoing efforts of the elders in the Rapid City Native American community to show the parcels of land belonging to the Boarding School to have been unlawfully transferred in violation of the 1948 statute. I am very supportive of the ongoing discussions surrounding this issue and would like to strongly encourage the passing of the proposed resolution as an important first step towards the creation of a truly meaningful local solution and possible land exchange.

Rep Tamara StJohn
It's disappointing to see Lance Lehmann, John Roberts and Jason Salamun not wearing masks during the city council meetings. I believe as council members, you have an obligation to not only care enough to protect your fellow council members, but to also set a good example for the public. Whether or not you believe a mask helps prevent the spread of the virus is irrelevant, because quite frankly, you 100% don't know for sure. So, what if it actually does help? Is it really that big of a deal for you to wear one? If the experts are right & they do make a difference, isn't it worth the small sacrifice?
All city council members should wear masks while in the building, or they shouldn't be allowed in chambers. Show some leadership.
Name: Renee Douglas
Address: 104 West Elder St
Canton SD 57014
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item
Agenda Item: Mask mandate
Comment:
As a former resident for 30 years and a respiratory therapist I have several family members residing in the community. Implementing a mask mandate was encouraging to say the least. The council should lead by example. Putting the communities safety first should be a priority. Why isn't it?
We are writing today to urge the council NOT to mandate city wide mask regulations. We just moved here from WA where masks have been mandated for months. Not only have the numbers not gone down, suicide is at an all time high, the atmosphere in the state is fraught with depression, and it's turning people against each other. Solid research has shown that the mask will not stop the virus, that the virus will run it's course (as they do), that they are socially divisive. The common sense we've had all along - cough into your elbow, wash hands, if you're sick stay home - will help stop the spread of any virus. When you start mandating masks, you've started down a VERY dangerous slope that will end in the crumbling of Rapid City's well being. You're letting fear rule and that creates an unstable atmosphere. Let people see other people smile! It is the very best thing we can do for this virus! Thank you all for reading this. Don't be afraid!
Name: AlecSandra R Bihlmaier
Address: 1245 N. 10th St
Apt M-4
Spearfish, SD
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: masks for everyone
Comment:
I realize that I am in Spearfish but I'm in Rapid City quite often and I have a few relatives that live there. My suggestion is that the city require masks to be worn by everyone whenever they are outside of their own homes. It would help to slow the spread. Masks are a CDC guideline and it should be implemented everywhere.
Name: Pat braun
Address: 3661 serendipity lane
57702
Meeting: City Council
Comment Type: General Public Comment
Agenda Item: Masks!

Comment:
Thank you! Stay strong! Please consider encouraging “essential” businesses (any store grocery related, pharmacy, banking) to mandate masks, too! You do not wear a mask, you do not do business.

Oh, and NO to chickens in city limits!?