

Name: Benjamin LeBrun

Address: Rapid City, SD, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinance 6477

Comment:

Investors and property speculators should be liable for the upkeep and maintenance of the building a resident resides in, the same as any multi family unit. If not, then they should understand the specific risks of investing in real estate and property units for rent before taking on this role, much in the same any investment or service. No exemption should be made and this places undue strain and cost on our already strained public systems.

Name: West River Tenants United

Address: 57701

Meeting: City Council Working Section

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinance 6477

Comment:

West River Tenants United is opposed to proposed ordinance 6477. Assuming responsibility for utility accounts is already done by property managers of multi-family properties. It's not unreasonable that single-family properties should be treated the same. Having new accounts created constantly is a burden on city billing and a hassle for new tenants. In our opinion, if property managers don't want that risk then they should sell their properties to the tenants that live in them.

Name: Karissa Loewen

Address:

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council Working Section

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinance 6477

Comment:

I am writing in in opposition of proposed ordinance 6477. Keeping utility bills with the owner of the property is simpler for the city and the tenant alike. The current ordinance reduces stress and headache for tenants who are moving from one property to another and saves tax payer dollars by reducing city employee labor to transfer, close, and open tenant utility accounts. It makes sense for the accounts to stay with the properties they are attached to. Thank you!

Name: Rachel Nelson

Address:

Rapid City, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Laura Armstrong has provided consistently strong leadership. Her commitment to ALL citizens of Rapid City is evident in her willingness to listen to science, act upon facts, and bring forth a smile of kindness in the midst of heated challenges. Laura makes a significant contribution to our community as a health professional and as a representative for our community. The attacks launched against her are appalling. Wearing a mask, following CDC recommendations to keep our communities safe is not a political statement, although some disruptive individuals would lead you to believe it is. I have witnessed Laura's willingness to listen, learn and lead. I hope all will act in the best interest of our community and make a choice on the side of what is best for our citizens and support the strong leadership of Laura Armstrong. Thank you.

Name: Margaret T. Hamilton

Address:

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: masks worn in city bldg.

Comment:

I think the city council put a masks mandate for city buildings. If so, why aren't the people that are going to the civic center for the rodeo not going by that rule or mandate?

Name: Michaela Mader

Address:

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I am grateful for Laura's work on the council and to have her representation. Laura's work has helped keep me safer during this pandemic. As a high risk community member, I appreciate the ability to easily find whether a place of business is taking extra precautions and so that I can make informed decisions.

Name: Joyce Sutter

Address:

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Laura Armstrong

Comment:

We support Laura Armstrong in her service on the City Council. Complaints filed against her are unsubstantiated. She has served admirably on the city council, demonstrated exceptional standards of conduct, & conscientiousness. As a council member, she engenders confidence, & citizens know their interests are at the forefront. She does so with integrity & an equitable approach to her duties. The complaints leveled against her are without merit. My husband & I appreciate information that shows what businesses protect their customers, & attempt to slow the spread of the virus by requiring masks. Caring Businesses on Facebook does this in an open, positive manner. New variants of the virus are appearing here in the US, from the UK, South Africa, & Brazil & we are all at greater risk from it. Mask wearing is a simple, concrete way to limit the spread of the virus. I urge you to support Laura Armstrong as she continues to serve our community.

Name: Matthew Hanley

Address:

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Laura Armstrong

Comment:

Laura Armstrong is hardworking and committed to our community. Of particular note is her willingness to stand up for what is right, regardless if it is popular, or not. It is also refreshing to have a leader that is willing to put science before politics. Many of our leaders in South Dakota could learn a thing or two from Laura.



Name: Jenny Ann Schmidt

Address:

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Laura Armstrong

Comment:

To whom it may concern,

I have known Laura Armstrong to be a consummate professional and leader for her ward. She has always put the health and safety of people first and for her to be called into question by following national and state recommendations defies all logic and understanding. I stand with Laura Armstrong on this issue and I lend my full support to her. I encourage the council not to listen to the voice of a few when Ms. Armstrong clearly represents the many in our community. She has done nothing wrong here except try to keep people safe by lending her name to the group in question. If we don't have leaders who are willing to stand up for something and do what is right, then I'm not sure where that leaves our community, but it does not advance us in a positive direction.

Sincerely,

Jenny Schmidt

Name: Zachary Paul Nelson

Address:

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Breach of Conduct.

Comment:

After doing some actual research into these alleged complaints against ms. Armstrong. I find no evidence that she attempted to blacklist certain businesses with any sort of list. This is a waste of time for the city council, please focus on actual problems facing our community. We dont pay you to have little baseless fights with yourselves. Ship up or get voted out, your choice!

Name: Michael Calabrese

Address:

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Staff Direction

Comment:

I've had the opportunity to work with Councilwoman Laura Armstrong as a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. In my interaction with her, she has shown nothing but the utmost care and interest in the Rapid City community. While I may not agree 100% with all decisions she's supported from the dais, her level of professionalism and intent to improve our community is unquestionable. She is an asset to our community and the attacks on her integrity are beyond the pale. Thank you Laura for being a passionate advocate for our city!

Name: Jill L Haugo

Address: Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I support Alderwoman Laura Armstrong as a voice of reason in this community. COVID-19 is extremely real and Ms. Armstrong has been unfairly targeted for supporting medical guidelines from health professionals and the CDC. She deserves no censure or action of removal. If anything, Laura Armstrong deserves accolades for being an advocate for promoting the health and safety of our community during this very real pandemic. It takes strength and integrity to speak up for what is right when your voice appears to be the minority view. Ms. Armstrong is a necessary voice on the Rapid City Council. Please do not allow the louder, stronger voices to prevail.

Name: Carter Taylor

Address:

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Laura B. Armstrong

Comment:

Laura Armstrong has been a positive role-model and a great influence for Rapid City. This hogwash about crating a "list" of businesses that aren't supporting safety standards is untrue and misleading. The Caring Businesses of Rapid City Facebook page is promotes a positive message about themselves and COVID19 safety. The top of the page it says: "This page was created to help promote local businesses who provide practice safe CDC guidelines, social distancing and promote facial masks to protect the public during the COVID-19 crisis. Ideally, we would like to keep the page POSITIVE & SUPPORTIVE." I have looked at the page and can't find anything negative or defamatory about it.

From what I have seen, Laura B. Armstrong has been a great advocate for the city and it's citizens. This small group of hateful individuals who are attempting to punish her for doing the right thing, should be ashamed of themselves.

Name: Anna K Ball

Address:

Piedmont, SD 57769

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Hi,

Even though I don't live in Rapid, I do all my shopping and until Covid, ate in Rapid City. I want to commend Laura Armstrong for her advocacy to keep the public safe by following safety measures against Covid. I am disheartened that she has received so much grief from people who apparently think that science doesn't matter and who are not interested in keeping the public safe, even us Piedmontians, to the greatest extent possible. This comment is in support of her. I don't know her personally, but friends in Rapid City have kept me apprised of her leadership and her willingness to do what is difficult. For ALL of us.