

**PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2023
6:30 PM
MCINTOSH COMMUNITY CENTER
115 BROADWAY NW**

CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR STROM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR TOBY STROM, JORDAN GUNUFSON, LUKE BURD, LUKE SYVERSON AND BETH HAGEN

MELISSA FINSETH – CITY CLERK/TREASURER

GUESTS: REBECCA BOEHRNSEN, LARRY FINSETH, LAURA PASKVAN AND FAMILY, JOHN AND REBECCA MERRIWEATHER, ALISON OPDAHL, ADAM AND SABRINA STRUTZ.

KIM SPAETH – THE MCINTOSH TIMES

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

a. TO HEAR THE PUBLIC ON ALLOWING CHICKENS IN TOWN ON LOT SIZES LESS THAN TEN ACRES.

COUNCIL GAVE EACH GUEST TIME TO PRESENT THEIR CASE FOR OR AGAINST ALLOWING CHICKENS IN TOWN. MOST OF THE ATTENDEES WERE IN FAVOR OF HAVING CHICKENS IN TOWN, CITING THE RISING PRICE OF FOOD AS THE NUMBER ONE REASON.

OTHER REASONS INCLUDED: CHICKENS ARE GOOD AT CLEANING UP KITCHEN SCRAPS, PROVIDE FREE FERTILIZER, RID YARDS OF TICKS AND OTHER BUGS, AND TEACH CHILDREN RESPONSIBILITY.

THE CITY PRESENTED THEIR REASONS WHY HAVING CHICKENS IN TOWN IS NOT A GOOD IDEA IN MOST NEIGHBORHOODS. THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OTHER NEIGHBORS, THE DIFFICULTY OF CONTROLLING THE PETS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO RUN LOOSE IN TOWN ALREADY, AND THE LACK OF RESOURCES IN THE EVENT OF ISSUES WITH THE CHICKENS.

NO DECISION TO ALLOW CHICKENS WAS MADE, BUT THE COUNCIL WILL BE MAKING THEIR FINAL DECISION AT THE APRIL MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND JORDAN GUNUFSON TO ADJOURN AT 7:20. PASSED UNOPPOSED.