

## CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**May 1, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chamber**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ashbeck  
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Mouanoutoua

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Basgall, Bessinger, Mouanoutoua, Pearce  
Mayor Ashbeck

### **PRESENTATION – 6:02**

**6:02 – ITEM 1 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2023, AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.**

**6:13 – ITEM 2 - UPDATE ON THE 2023 TRAIL FEST TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:15**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:17**

Motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Basgall, that the items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of item 11, be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the April 10, 2023, and April 14, 2023, Council Meetings.
4. Administration – Approved – Award the Request for Proposals to Zones for the purchase of twenty (20) Mobile Data Computers in the amount of \$97,710.00 plus tax.
5. General Services – Approved – **Res. 23-27**, Authorizing the Execution of the Certificates of Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), and Submittal of Two (2) Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
6. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for CIP 21-06 Modular Training Facility.
7. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for CIP 18-12 Fire Station 6.
8. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for Final Map for Tract 6349, located east of Locan Avenue, between Barstow Avenue and Shaw Avenue (DYP 6260, LP (De Young Properties)).
9. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for Final Map for Tract 6328, located at the northwest corner of Shepherd and Clovis Avenues (6050 Enterprises, LP (Wilson Homes)).
10. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for Final Map for Tract 6273, located at the northwest corner of Ashlan Avenue and Armstrong Avenue (Joseph Crown Construction and Development, Inc.)

12. Public Utilities – Approved – Preliminary Engineer’s Report; and Approved – **Res. 23-28**, a Resolution Declaring the City’s Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessments for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

6:18 ITEM 11 - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – APPROVED – FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 6225, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ASHLAN AVENUE AND LOCAN AVENUE (WILSON PREMIER HOMES, INC.). COUNCILMEMBER VONG MOUANOUTOUA HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON THIS ITEM.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Pearce. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Mouanoutoua abstaining.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS – 6:19**

6:19 ITEM 13 - APPROVED – APPOINTMENTS TO PERSONNEL COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Pearce voting no.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 6:28**

6:28 ITEM 14 - APPROVED – **Res. 23-29**, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLOVIS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A PROPERTY OWNER PROPOSITION 218 PROCEEDING, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PRELIMINARY ENGINEER’S REPORT, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 19, 2023, OR AT SUCH TIME THEREAFTER FOR AREA 1 OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 95-1 (BLACKHORSE ESTATES).

Sam Reid, Resident, expressed concerns regarding landscape maintenance issues and lack of trust with the City on managing funds.

Paul Xiao, Resident, requested to be involved in the evaluation process of the property management company.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Basgall. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Mouanoutoua voting no.

7:20 ITEM 15 - DENIED – A REQUEST TO ALLOW BACKYARD CHICKENS IN THE CITY OF CLOVIS.

David Avakian, Resident, spoke in support of backyard chickens.

Angela Bates, Resident, spoke in support of backyard chickens.

Julie Cotea, Resident, spoke in support of backyard chickens.

Patrick Sherer, Resident, spoke in support of backyard chickens.

David Avakian, Resident, expressed interest in working with the City to compromise.

Motion to uphold denial by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Basgall. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Mouanoutoua voting no.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS – 8:06**

8:06 ITEM 16 - APPROVED ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT.

16A. ANNUAL REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 22-03, CLOVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY 706, AND THE 2022 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT.

16B. APPROVED - **RES. 23-30**, RENEWING ORDINANCE 22-03 AND CLOVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY 706.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Basgall, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8:19 ITEM 17 - APPROVED ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH APPROXIMATELY 1.04 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALLUVIAL AVENUE, BETWEEN SUNNYSIDE AND FORDHAM AVENUES. STALLION DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION – ARMAN ZAKARYAN, OWNER/APPLICANT; DAN ZACK, REPRESENTATIVE.

Dan Zack, Owner/Applicant Representative, address Council's questions.

Linda Alvord, Resident, spoke in opposition of the project.

Mark D., Resident, spoke in opposition of the project.

Darrin Alvord, Resident, spoke in opposition of the project.

17A. APPROVED – VACATING THE DENIAL OF GPA2022-001 FROM THE MARCH 6, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING WITH A VOTE OF 3-1-1 WHERE COUNCILMEMBER MOUANOUTOUA VOTED AGAINST THE DENIAL AND WHERE COUNCILMEMBER PIERCE WAS ABSENT.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

17B. APPROVED - **RES. 23-31**, GPA2022-001, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN TO RE-DESIGNATE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (2.1-4.0 DU/AC) CLASSIFICATION TO THE MEDIUM HIGH (7.1-15.0 DU/AC) CLASSIFICATION.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

17C. APPROVED INTRODUCTION - **ORD. 23-01**, R2022-001, A REQUEST TO REZONE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM THE R-1-7500 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, 7,500 SF) ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R-2 (MULTIFAMILY MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE DISTRICT.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 9:28**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS – 9:33**

**CLOSED SESSION – 9:45**

18. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION CASE NAME: DESIREE MARTINEZ V. CITY OF CLOVIS, ET AL., CASE NO. F082914

Motion for legal counsel to file a petition for review and a request for depublication of the court of appeal opinion with the CA Supreme Court. Motion for approval by Councilmember Pearce, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Ashbeck adjourned the meeting of the Council to May 8, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 10:45 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **May 1, 2023**

Allan Ross

239 W. Powers Ave

Clovis, Ca 92619

May 1, 2023

Clovis City Council

Councilmember Drew Bessinger

Dear Mr. Bessinger,

I am writing you with an issue in our neighborhood here in Clovis.

The rental home in our neighborhood has been an issue ever since the renter has moved in some 2 years ago. Mr. Jeff Banks owns or works for a towing business here in Clovis, Tip's Towing – Recovery (2914 Phillip Ave Clovis CA 93612) and he has been parking his tow equipment in the street in front of his rental home for weeks at a time. Some of the neighbors have called the Clovis police dept. about parking commercial vehicles in the neighborhood for more than 72 hours and I have too. I viewed the Clovis PD ticketing the equipment but he continues to park different equipment on the street. The Mr. Banks has been approached by neighbors about moving the trucks to his commercial property, with no success and he is very belligerent. No one wants to speak with him as he uses very foul language and is threatening.

This is becoming a safety issue. This is a family neighborhood with many children and a park right across from the rental home. Yesterday I witnessed a child on a bike almost running into the back of the tow truck with a part protruding straight out from the back of the truck at three feet high off the pavement (photo at bottom). This tow truck has been parked for over several weeks in this location.

This is not the only issues that have occurred; I have photos of a large flat bed goose neck trailer parked in the same place with the bumper hanging, unattached. The equipment appeared to be in a state of disrepair. I notify the Clovis PD about

this equipment months ago and reported it as an abandoned vehicle. He moved it three days later by backing it into a side yard next to the house (I have more pictures of him backing the trailer behind the gate.

Another issue of safety: He has been parking large tow trucks in his driveway next to the house and moving equipment behind the gate and has broken a PG&E electrical concrete Christy box just east of the concrete driveway (Photo at bottom): This is a big electrical safety issue.

I have tried contacting the owner of the home as I do not wish to speak with the renter. The home owner is Eugene Marzette and he owns a Farmers Insurance agency at 1562 Shaw Ave, Clovis, CA 93611. Mr. Marzette has never responded to my email. (<https://agents.farmers.com/ca/clovis/eugene-marzette>)

Our neighborhood is very well kept and the towing equipment is an eye soar and now has become a safety issue. The park across the street is well kept by Clovis City Parks. I would very much wish to see this issue corrected as the Clovis PD appears not to press the issue as Tip's Towing as I understand that Tip's removes cars for the city of Clovis. It has come to my attention that Derrel's storage has offered Mr. Banks two locations to park the towing equipment at no cost and he has turned them down.

Thank you for your attention to this matter in our wonderful city of Clovis.

Sincerely,

Allan Ross

239 W Powers Ave

559-213-4695

PHOTO'S BELOW

Photo taken 4-26-2023



Photo taken 9-2022

Photo below is of PG&E electrical Christy box damaged by moving towing equipment behind the gate on the east side of the house. I also have a photo of a large tow truck parked in the driveway. Moving heavy trucks and trailers over the Christy box has broken the box, now a safety issue.



Picture taken 9-2022 when the goose neck trailer was parked in the street in front of the rental home. The light bumper is falling off the trailer. The right side stop light and turning signal is broken. I called Clovis P D and they ticked the long trailer and Mr. Banks moved the trailer behind the fence on the east side of the rental home.





## 4.5.1014 Limitations on commercial vehicle parking.

(a) No person shall park any of the following commercial vehicles on any public street, alley, right-of-way, or highway, other than a state highway, in the City of Clovis for a period of more than four (4) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period:

- (1) Commercial trucks larger than one-ton size not to exceed a gross vehicle weight rating of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds;
- (2) Buses;
- (3) Commercial trailers of all types.

(b) No person shall park commercial vehicles as defined in subsection (a) of this section on a public street within five hundred feet (500') of a residential zone district between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply when a commercial vehicle is:

- (1) Loading or unloading merchandise, materials, or passengers; or
- (2) Parked in connection with, and in aid of, the performance of a service to or on a property in the block in which such commercial vehicle is parked, for such time as is reasonably necessary to complete such service; or
- (3) An emergency vehicle utilized by a government agency or a public utility for responding to emergency incidents.

(d) For the purpose of this section: Commercial trailer shall be defined as any trailer used in conjunction with any business, for hire, or whereby compensation is derived from such use.

(e) For the purpose of this section: Trucks of a one-ton size shall be defined as those trucks of a size that falls within the manufacturer's classification of one-ton trucks. (§ 1, Ord. 390, eff. December 1, 1965; as amended by § 1, Ord. 71-6, eff. May 5, 1971; § 1, Ord. 88-3, eff. April 6, 1988; § 1, Ord. 88-42, eff. December 21, 1988; § 1, Ord. 99-19, eff. August 11, 1999; § 1, Ord. 18-27, eff. January 2, 2019)

## Karey Cha

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**From:** Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:56 PM  
**To:** Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian  
**Subject:** [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2023-05-01

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 14

Full Name: Steve Dougherty

Email: spdougherty1@comcast.net

Comment: I am a resident of the Blackhorse Estate Assessment Area I, and I am asking for the council to delay the authorization of the prop 218 initiative to increase assessments. I understand costs are increasing and that we need additional funds to maintain our community. However our community lacks clarity as to how our funds are actually being spent when compared to the Engineer' Assessment District Budget. Our community has asked for nearly 3 years to have a simple easy to understand document that shows how our assessments are being spent. To date we have received convoluted documents and files uploaded to the city's website that do not provide us a clear picture of where our assessments dollars are being spent. I ask, again, for the city to provide a simple easy to understand yearly summary at the end of the fiscal year in the same format as the current Engineer's budget table that compares the budgeted amount to what was actually spent for the fiscal year for each line item, and to note any discrepancies greater than 5% of the forecasted amount. The report should also provide a comparison of the forecasted and actual reserves with notes on any discrepancies. Without the city's commitment to provide this information I cannot vote for any assessment fee increase.

In addition I ask that the city negotiate with Regency (current property manager for Area I) a minimum 3 year contract with no more than 5% yearly increases in management fees prior to the 218 initiative vote. I want to insure Regency does not immediately increase fees if the measure passes.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

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Date: May 1, 2023

Time: 3:56 pm

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Received  
MAR 27 2023  
ADMN/CITYMGR

March 22, 2023

City Council of the City of Clovis  
1033 Fifth Street  
Clovis, CA 93612

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I just became aware that the issue of allowing chickens to be raised in the back yards of residential lots in the City, has once again resurfaced. I am writing to urge you to vote no on the issue. The negative impacts of raising chickens far outweigh any positive aspects and allowing them within the City will require much greater demands on the City's resources and personnel. For these, and other reasons, most cities do not allow them.

I grew up out in the country and my parents raised large broods of chickens. So throughout my childhood and teen age years, I was involved in tending chickens. My main chore was to clean out the coops every morning before school. So please believe me, I am well aware of what a mess they can make. Another chore was catching and clipping the wings of the chickens once or twice a year so they could not fly over the fence. I can tell you from first-hand experience that chickens can be mean tempered and will peck and scratch you with their beaks, claws and wings. So I am also well aware of the injuries they can cause.

People live in the city for city services, conveniences and protections from undesirable elements. To most, farm animals are undesirable elements. While there may be a few who are supporting the repeal of this law who know something about raising chickens, but if repealed, raising of chickens would be open to everybody, the vast majority of whom, know absolutely nothing about raising chickens. Chickens should be viewed as other farm animals such as pigs, cows, goats and horses. They should be raised in the country where there is room for them to roam and those who want to raise them should move to the country.

Chickens are also noisy, clucking away non-stop during all waking hours. They excrete a large amount of fecal waste which can result in a vile smell if not kept cleaned up. They can contract diseases that are easily spread, which often result in the only solution being to destroy them. They can fly over fences if their wings are not clipped once or twice a year. They, and the eggs they lay, do attract prey animals such as foxes, coyotes, badgers, and others. In the extreme, some chickens can be very cruel. I have personally witnessed chickens knock down small children and try to peck their eyes out. The typical city resident has little knowledge of what is involved in caring for chickens. It involves much more than just turning them loose in the back yard.

And speaking of turning them loose in the back yard, Clovis is becoming a City of small residential lots, which do not even have room to raise chickens, let alone the nuisance they would create for the neighbors of the chicken growers. I, and most of my immediate neighbors, live on residential lots with dimensions of 50 feet by 90 feet. There are just 10 feet between the back of my house and my rear fence line, and five feet on each side. It would be an extreme nuisance to me if my neighbors had chickens roaming in their yards. Even on a more typical sized lot with 20 to 30 feet in the back yard, the nuisance would remain. In fact, it would probably have a great enough impact to cause me to relocate.

Please do not commit the City to the additional demands on its resources and personnel and the possible liability that it would create. Please vote NO on the repeal of this law, and do not allow chickens on small residential lots within the City.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Henry

## Karey Cha

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**From:** John Holt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** Karey Cha  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Hard NO on City Chickens

**From:** Chip Wipfler <chipwipfler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2023 9:09 PM  
**Cc:** Chip Wipfler <chipwipfler@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** [External] Hard NO on City Chickens

*(John - please distribute this to all City Council members . Thank You)*

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Greetings Clovis City Council -

Well, here we go again!

For the second time in the past 34 months, we face a push for Backyard Chickens in the City of Clovis.

I hope that this time, the Council can find a way to create some sort of permanent moratorium on a vote on this ordinance.

Three out of the 5 of you current council members heard us those few months ago. There was a majority NO on chickens in the City. We ask for the same result this time!!

I want each of you to know that there are many Clovis residents like those of us that wrote letters to you and will possibly attend the upcoming City Council meeting on this issue. We all are concerned about City chickens possibly being allowed.

Proof of my statement above is found in the fact that in 2020, No Chickens residents submitted TWICE as many emails and letters to City Council than the opposition did (66-33).

Please consider just some of the possible negative ramifications (in no particular order) on Clovis residents if chicken farming is allowed in our city:

**\*foul odors - 24/7/365\***

(Years of personal experience caring for egg-Laying chickens and roosters as a young man gave me plenty of knowledge about poultry odors. That definitely is not an experience I want to repeat. Summertime is worst, but it's an all-year problem. Longtime Clovis residents will never forget passing by the old chicken farm on Shepard near Fowler Ave. That's a smell no one forgets.)

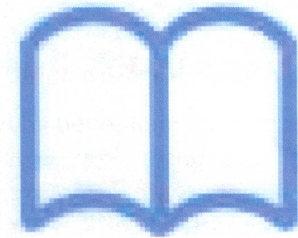
**\*increased rodent presence\***

(Consider the following from a Fresno State Ag professor, specializing in poultry farm animals: "Rats are not attracted to chickens. However, they are attracted to chicken feed, and love stealing a freshly laid egg. Rats are also attracted to nice, warm, cozy places to live, especially if there is a reliable food source nearby." We don't want to do anything to add to this population and disease-carrying animals in our city.

**\*increased backyard noise, from both hens & unintended roosters\***

(Per my experience mentioned above ;laying hens make plenty of noise. The cackling of 1 hen laying 1 egg rivals the noise made by a rooster crow. Eggs can be laid during any daylight hour. Multiply that by 3 chickens or more if multiple fence line neighbors grow chickens, and you've got a lot of cackling going on. Roosters: Allowing yard chickens could result in yard roosters. Chick sexing isn't a perfect science, so there's a chance that store-bought chicks are roosters).

**\*HUMANS CAN CONTRACT AVIAN FLU FROM CHICKENS - see CDC article below\***



# How Infected I

## Human Infections with

**1 Direct Contact**

(Most Common)



### 3 Bird Flu Virus in the Air (in Droplets or Dust)



Bird flu virus



Flapping wings



Scratching



U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

**Bird flu infections in people are rare, but flu infections in people have happened at infected birds or contaminated surfaces. information about bird flu and bird flu info**

# Bird Flu i Domesticated with bird flu A other infected

No one wants to raise disease transmission possibilities - especially in these times with Covid seemingly now a permanent part of our lives.

Allowing chicken raising in Clovis would do exactly that. Add on the increase in disease-carrying rodents seeking food & shelter. It's a dangerous recipe.

*\*chickens can & will fly fences\**

(One of my youth-years ranch chores was to make sure all our chicken's wings were kept clipped to reduce the probability that they would fly the 6' tall pen fence.

Chickens without clipped wings could easily scale a standard city yard fence.

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The Problems mentioned above can be exacerbated IF/WHEN neighbors fail to practice proper and regular chicken-raising protocols.

We all have had experiences when neighbors fail to care for / properly maintain their more common pets. Backyard chickens will add an entirely new dynamic to pet care issues. Many would be raising a chickens for the very first time. There's no substitute for the actual experience of having any animal. While some may closely follow good raising protocol, those who do not will test the patience of others nearby.

Additionally, we heard in 2020 how much time & effort CPD already spends dealing with pet calls. It's been at / near the top of their non-emergency service calls

for years. Allowing Backyard chicken raising could potentially add to negative neighbor-to-neighbor relations. This will result is increased calls for PD service that take away from more important PD details that keep us safe. CPD is short on staffing.

So is Animal Control Services, the main group checking on pet compliance in Clovis. Allowing backyard chickens will apply more pressure to an already-understaffed public service. All these added service pressures would directly impact public safety levels in our city. I don't think any residents want that.

Additionally, changing the long-standing ordinance on chickens will open a Pandora's Box for other types of animal raising requests in the future. How will Council be able to deny them?

"Return Clovis to Its Farming Roots." is a short-sighted idea that will be detrimental to the majority of Clovis residents and create an unmanageable new bureaucracy in our city. I have heard & seen bits and pieces of the plans they have to try to get what they want. It seems cumbersome, time consuming, an unmanageable. That's not even considering who will be responsible to manage all of their plan and who will inspect the yards and who will follow up? Time , manpower and 💰 that is better spent elsewhere.

#### Final Thoughts-

Please consider the future of Clovis for our children and grandchildren who may choose to raise their families here, as we did.

Think about why we made that choice years ago.

I am afraid that a reversal on the chicken ban will effectively end

- The Clovis Way of Life - sooner than later.

Reversing the longstanding ban on chicken raising will open a Pandora's Box full of future ramifications that we cannot even imagine right now!

Please Vote No on the proposed reversal on the Ban on Backyard Chickens.

Regards,  
Chip Wipfler  
376 Burl Ave.  
Clovis 93611  
559-360-8768

## Karey Cha

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**From:** Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 1:58 PM  
**To:** Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian  
**Subject:** [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2023-05-01

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 15

Full Name: Stephanie Storm

Email: stephanie.storm@yahoo.com

Comment: I would like you to please consider allowing backyard chickens in the City of Clovis. I feel the residents have worked hard to put together an appealing plan, and have shown that they care strongly about the topic. It should not be a free-for-all. There should be guidelines, such as coops need to be kept clean and must be placed at least 20 feet from any neighboring houses. If you want to require permits, or pet licenses, I think all of that is fair. Roosters should NOT be allowed. Ducks should NOT be allowed. But a limit of 3-4 hens could be a great benefit to the people of Clovis.

The noise level is lower than that of even a barking dog. The smell is not going to be a problem as long as the coop is properly maintained (which is the case for any animal). The benefits include eggs, meat (for those who decide to go that route), reduced waste (chickens can eat nearly 2 pounds of scraps every week - think of how much that cuts down on for a single household!), pest control (they can help eat bugs and weeds!!). Chicken manure is so good for the soil. The city already gives out free compost every year, which means you must realize how important it is to so many people. Why not allow them to expand on that? We WANT to help sustain ourselves. We WANT to help take care of the environment.

Taking care of chickens are also an amazing opportunity for families. I, myself, have two kids who adore animals. I don't want to leave Clovis and miss out on the great education offered by CUSD, but I truly believe they would benefit so much from being able to take care of chickens. They would grow up learning about being able to take care of creatures and having respect for the environment.

Please, please give this genuine thought. I understand the concerns, but I strongly feel that the benefits outweigh the risks. I'm happy to speak to anyone more about this, if you would like. I'm also more than happy to volunteer and help take animal service calls, etc., if that means it will help reduce the costs that Mr. George Rodriguez is concerned about. Thank you for your time, and your serious consideration on the topic. I truly appreciate all you do.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

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## Karey Cha

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**From:** Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 7:03 PM  
**To:** Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian  
**Subject:** [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2023-05-01

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 0

Full Name: Nora Silva

Email: nlsilva64@yahoo.com

Comment: I do not want chickens allowed in the city limits of Clovis! Not everyone is going to follow the rules of maintaining a clean coop and keeping their chickens on their own property. There will be an increase in flies, roaches, mice, rats ect. Not to mention the smell! Our houses are very close together. I'm totally against farm animals within the city limits. Chickens can also carry diseases that are harmful to other animals like dogs cats and even humans. My vote would be No.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

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## Karey Cha

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**From:** Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:24 PM  
**To:** Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian  
**Subject:** [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2023-05-01

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 15

Full Name: Patrick scherer

Email: patrickjscherersr@yahoo.com

Comment: I want to give my support to pass the ordinance to allow individual families in Clovis city limits to keep 3 for personal use. To help with food costs, use droppings for fertilizer. They are awesome pets for children and grandchildren and for emotional support too. They help keep the bugs in check. And are enjoyable just watching them.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

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## Karey Cha

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**From:** Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:32 PM  
**To:** Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian  
**Subject:** [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2023-05-01

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 15

Full Name: Melinda scherer

Email: melinda31699@hotmail.com

Comment: Hello I am a resident of the city of Clovis. I moved to this awesome city because it is in the country and the family values are like that of God Country and Family. I am in support of having 2-3 backyard hens. As long as the upkeep is done weekly or more if needed. They are good supply of food considering the cost of eggs having gone way up. They eat bugs like ants, cockroaches, mosquitoes, etc. their droppings are good for composting with worms. Also revenue would be generated through the purchases of products to support the raising of chickens, it would also benefit the city from the taxes created from the revenue of the business.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Melinda

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

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Comment: During the Council meeting of March 6, there was an implication that Century Elementary School did not serve students from a variety of family types and backgrounds and that a multi-family complex would provide equity. However, a look at some facts gives focus to a more realistic view of the neighborhood.

First, 4 multi-family complexes are within 1 mile of Century, with 2 being about ½ mile. So, families with school age children within multiplexes can seek placement in the school.

Second, a visit to the school during multi-Cultural events, which we attend yearly as invited by our grandchildren, demonstrates the wide variety of nationalities, cultures/ethnic groups and countries that are the heritage of existing families in the neighborhood. Children have displays/food/dances from the Middle East (Syria, Israel, Lebanon), Sri Lanka, India, North Africa, Southeast Asia, Philippines, Korea, Japan, Mexico and Latin America. See attached pictures.

Thirdly, Monte Vista Development, build all the housing south of Alluvial between the Sunnyside and Fowler, and the on the streets adjacent to Century. These homes are generally simpler design and less expensive than something associated with Blackhorse or Wilson homes. Four homes between my house and the mailbox are rentals, demonstrating the variety that already exists.

Thank you for your time to consider this information.

Linda Alvord

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**18.38.030 ANIMAL KEEPING.**

**.010 Animal Maintenance – General.** The keeping of animals for domestic, noncommercial use shall be permitted in residential zones, subject to the provisions of Chapter 8.08 (Animal Control, Welfare and License Requirements) and this section.

**.020 Animal Confinement.**

**.0201 Methods.** Animals shall be tethered or maintained in coops, corrals, stables, or by other means of confinement satisfactory to the Planning Department.

**.0202 Distance.** No equine, bovine, sheep, swine, goat or bird shall be kept, stabled, tethered, corralled or confined in any manner within fifty (50) feet of any structure used for human habitation, other than that of the owner, or within twenty (20) feet of any property line, except when kept in the dwelling.

**.030 Number of Equine Animals.** No equine animal shall be kept, stabled, tethered or otherwise maintained on any parcel of property of less than one (1) acre (43,560 square feet) in area, unless otherwise specified in the underlying zone. Further, not more than one (1) adult animal and its immature offspring of less than eight (8) months in age shall be permitted per each quarter-acre (10,890 square feet). If this calculation results in 0.5 or more of an animal, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole animal.

**.040 Number of Bovine, Sheep, Goats and Swine.** No bovine, sheep, goat or swine (except for pot-bellied pigs, which are regulated in subsection .080 below) shall be kept, stabled, tethered or otherwise maintained on any parcel of less than one acre (43,560 square feet) in area, unless otherwise specified in the underlying zone. Further, not more than one (1) such animal shall be permitted per each half-acre (21,780 square feet). If this calculation results in 0.5 or more of an animal, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole animal.

**.050 Number of Poultry, Birds, Rabbits and Rodents.** The number of poultry, birds, rabbits, and rodents shall not exceed one (1) animal per each eighteen hundred (1,800) square feet of the area of the lot upon which the animal is to be maintained; provided, however, that roosters and peacocks shall not be permitted in any residential zone, unless otherwise specified in the underlying zone. If this calculation results in 0.5 or more of an animal, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole animal.

**.060 Number of Dogs.** The number of dogs per dwelling unit shall not exceed three (3) animals over the age of four (4) months. A noncommercial kennel may be permitted, subject to the approval of Animal Care Services of the Orange County Health Care Agency.

**.070 Number of Cats.** Domestic housecats per dwelling unit shall not exceed three (3) animals over the age of four (4) months. A noncommercial kennel may be permitted, subject to the approval of Animal Care Services of the Orange County Health Care Agency.

**.080 Pot-Bellied Pigs.** Pot-bellied pigs (meaning a pig classified as *Sus Scrofa* and

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**§ 6-1.602 KEEPING ANIMALS AND BEES.**

(A) *Number of dogs.* It is unlawful for a person to keep more than three dogs that are required to be licensed at any residence in the city, without first obtaining a multiple pet or kennel permit under § 6-1.303.

(B) *Number of cats.* It is unlawful for a person to keep more than five cats without a permit issued under § 6-1.601.

(C) *Number of fowl.*

(1) It is unlawful for a person to keep or maintain more than ten total ducks, geese, chickens or other fowl, without a permit issued under § 6-1.601. No person may keep a rooster without a permit under § 6-1.601.

(2) Fowl shall be kept in enclosures located a minimum of 20 feet from any dwelling, church, or school (except with permission on school premises). Such enclosures shall be maintained in a clean manner.

(D) *Rabbits.* It is unlawful for a person to keep or maintain more than ten domesticated adult rabbits on any parcel within the city, without a permit issued under § 6-1.601. Cages and runs shall be kept clean.

(E) *Bees.* Bees may only be kept in an agricultural or open space zoning district and with a permit from the Animal Control Supervisor. (See § 6-1.601.)

(F) *Three-fourths acre requirement.* It is unlawful for a person to keep or maintain a horse, mule, cow, sheep, goat, pig, or wild animal, except dogs and cats and other household pets, except in an enclosed area for the animal of not less than three-fourths of an acre, and then only with a permit. (See § 6-1.601.)

(G) *Racing pigeons.* A member of a recognized racing pigeon club may keep an unlimited number of banded racing pigeons or fancy birds upon obtaining a permit from the Animal Control Supervisor. (See § 6-1.601.) The keeping of such birds is subject to the following minimum conditions:

(1) Aviaries shall be of sound construction and properly maintained to conform with the surrounding area.

(2) The location is subject to inspection by the Animal Control Supervisor at reasonable times.

(3) Aviaries shall be cleaned regularly, maintained in a sanitary condition, and kept free of organic materials which may cause offensive odors or allow the propagation of flies and other insects.

(4) Feed shall be stored in containers which protect against rodents and insects.

(5) The cage size and specifications shall conform to the rules and regulations of the

Student Name: Zoe #10

Date: 4-18-23

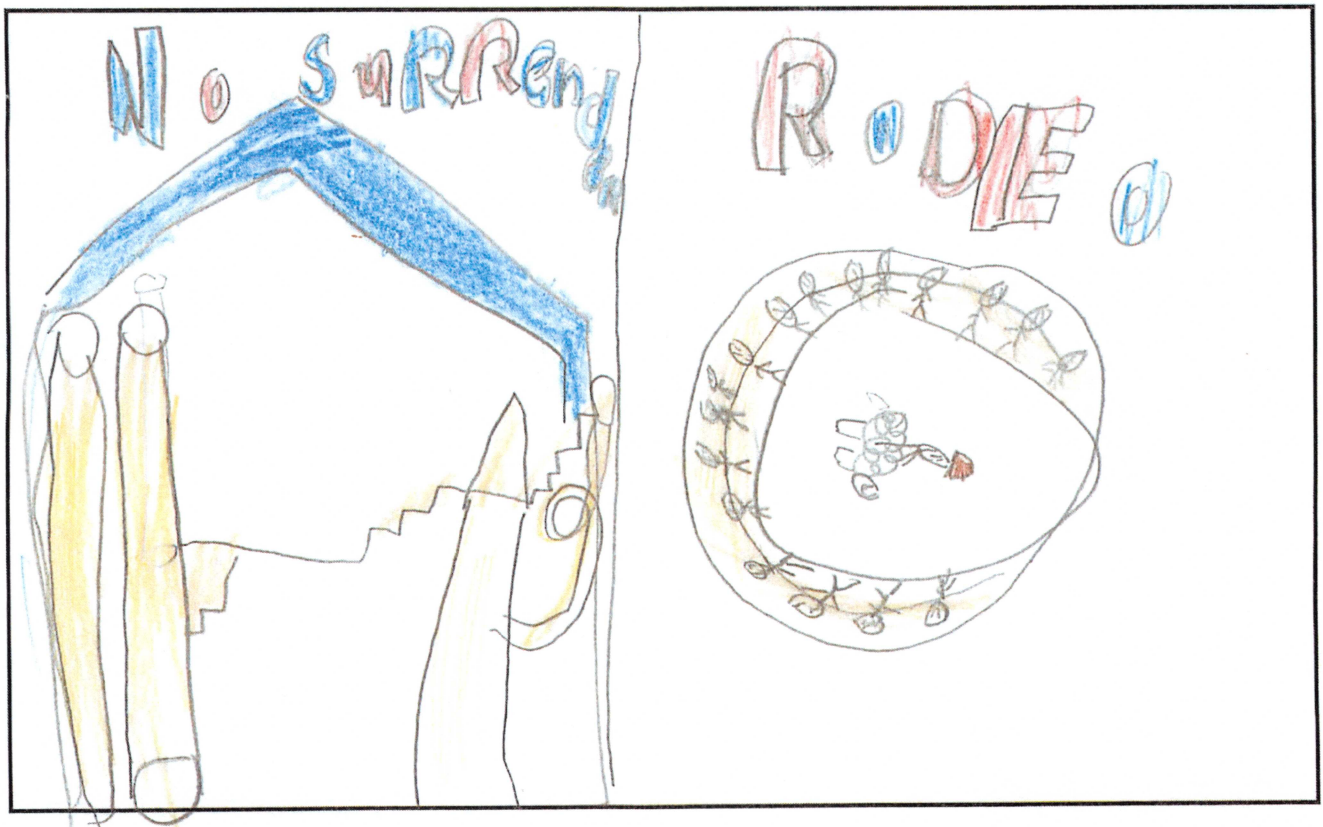
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**What is your favorite part about growing up in Clovis?**

*Write a paragraph with complete sentences, details, and proper punctuation.*

Growing up in Clovis is great because it is a fun place. My favorite place is No Surrender it is like a inside park. Clovis is like a kids town because it has so much fun places. There is a rodeo and I rode a sheep. I got to ride the sheep in front of millions of people. Clovis is a fun place I love to live here.

**Draw a picture of your favorite part about growing up in Clovis.**



Student Name: Zoey 

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bronco Billy is a new student who just moved to Clovis. Describe to Bronco Billy what it is like living in Clovis.**

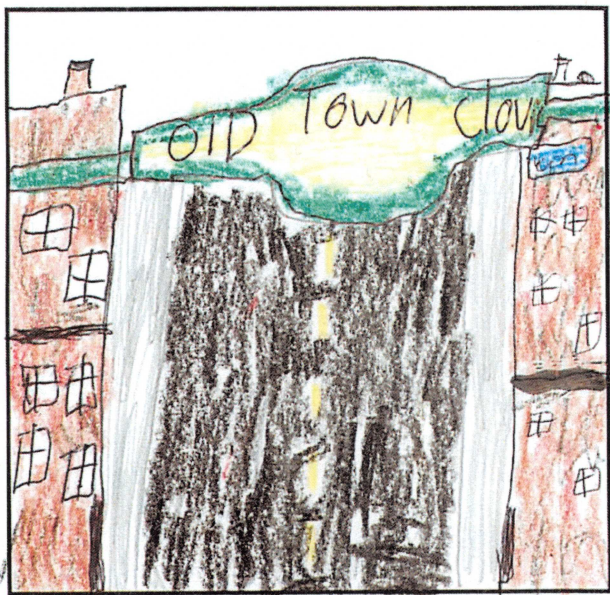
*Write a paragraph with complete sentences, details, and proper punctuation.*

This is how I would describe what it is like to live in Clovis. First, I think it is amazing to live in Clovis because there are historical places here. Next, I will tell him about the museums. Lastly, I should tell him about our school. That is what I will tell him.

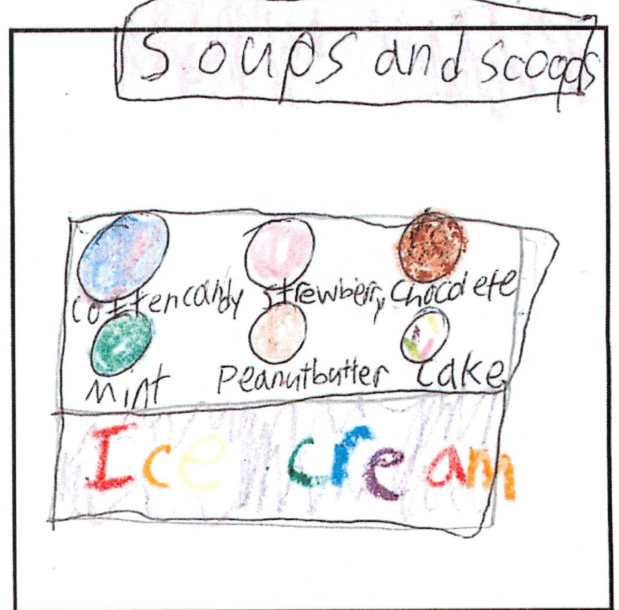
**What are two places in Clovis that you would like to show Bronco Billy?**

1. Old Town Clovis

2. Soups and Scoops



Draw a picture



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Student Name: Gianna Calandri

Date: April 19, 2023

**If you were in charge of the whole city,  
what would you do to make Clovis a better place to live?**

*Write a paragraph with complete sentences, details, and proper punctuation.*

If I was in charge of the whole city I'd make much more farm land, because every time my mother and I drive by a nursery for plants there's a bunch of buildings in construction for homes. Because of that there is a lot less farm land, so then - there's less farm animals which means a lot less produce like milk, eggs stuff like that. Also, if there is barely any farms, most farm animals wouldn't have a place to live.

**Draw a picture of what you would do to make Clovis a better place to live.**



Student Name: Lyla

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### What is your favorite part about growing up in Clovis?

Write a paragraph with complete sentences, details, and proper punctuation.

My favorite thing in Clovis are the Parades. First, My favorite Parades are the Christmas Parade and the rodeo Parade. Next, what I like about the Christmas Parade is that I get to drink hot chocolate and see Santa!

Last, I like the rodeo Parade because I get to see the horses dance and do tricks.

Draw a picture of your favorite part about growing up in Clovis.



Student Name: Anna

Date: 4/19/23

**What is your favorite part about growing up in Clovis?**

*Write a paragraph with complete sentences, details, and proper punctuation.*

My favorite place is the rodeo. I love to watch all the cowboys and cowgirls doing all those tricks. It makes me wonder should I do what they do when I grow up? I also love the sunset when you are in the arena.

**Draw a picture of your favorite part about growing up in Clovis.**

