

Special Meeting for Chickens October 11, 2022

Present for this special meeting to discuss chickens being allowed in Village of West Liberty was: Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Hostetler, Ms. Kauffman and Clerk Boyd. Guests were in favor and against

Lorien Boyer in favor
Al Hyland no in favor
Diane Allen – undecided
Bev Yoder- not in favor
Bud Tomlinson not in favor
Brenda Coy in favor
Asley Minnig in favor
Stefan Minnig undecided
Melvin Lovelace in favor
Greg Hostetler not in favor
Jason Major in favor
Kyle Woolver in favor

Mayor McKelvey stated all residents who want to speak has two minutes and Council members are here to listen and no questions will be answered.

Al Hyland said just remember everything comes full circle. He does not want chickens in village limits. He believes eggs are cheap, EPA- does not allow anything in the dump, chickens draw varmints. The feed is costly and so is shelter.

Brenda Coy believes in some of the things Al Hyland said is correct but chickens can be limited to 4-6 hens and they would not smell.

Ashley Minnig is in favor of having chickens in the Village. Owners of Chickens would love giving fresh eggs to their neighbors. She feels very few people would have chickens and would be responsible. She feels chickens would be great 4-H projects.

Greg Hostetler is against chickens being in the village. We need to keep our town clean and if people want chickens move to the country. Some residents may have good intentions but based on the whole picture they are hard to take care of.

Andy Carter is in support of having chickens in the Village. He said in the Ordinance it is limited and issues need to be spoken. He feels his daughters need to learn the responsibilities of taking care of animals. This would give them great accomplishment. He believes quail from the exclusions should be allowed because they are quiet and clean.

Kyle Woolver said he and his wife have lived on their garden all summer. He feels they would have moved to the country if they could have afforded it. He is a new resident and wants to be able to sustain themselves.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

Mayor Jill C. McKelvey