#### **VIEWS**

### **PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

### On Politicians and Fear, **Devoid of Bravery**

Dear Reader,

To quote Pericles "...those who

can most truly be accounted brave are those who best know the meaning of what is set in life and what is terrible, and then go out, undeterred, to meet what is to come."

Our politicians these days seem to be afraid. Maybe they should be since with responsibility comes accountability. Many seem to be more interested in their own ambitions and personal financial investments (that conflict with committees they serve on) than actually serving the needs of the people they are supposed to represent.

In the past number of years we have been witness to a pool of nonvisionary and divisive politicians we have thoughtlessly allowed to come into power. Yes, there are crazy-town issues flooding out of the extremes in both parties. These need to be neutralized by a rational, civil, common-sensical middle ground for our Country to move forward. We need to force those who represent us to mean what they say without lying or cheating or threatening or bullying - and hold them accountable or terminate their addiction for power

in office.

Up until now, we have innocently



been witness to all of this dangerous and unnecessary drama that has cost Americans much in terms of resources, focus, psychic energy and even lives. As a result, our senses are

heightened and we are aware of how high the stakes are regarding this next election. We need to do our civic duty and honor that comes with a free society and vote. Our vote should be to put people of good character and integrity in office who will represent us and our Country with a sense of grace and nobility.

Those on the fringes caring mostly for their own welfare with little regard to the common man and woman, need to go. Vote them out while your vote still counts.

And for God's sake, if you are a politician and you lose, have the class to congratulate the winner and go on vour way. Graciously accept the will of the American people—even if they didn't choose you.

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#### MAYVILLE AREA

# **Details on Mayville's Chicken Ordinance**

#### MITCHELL BRADLEY KELLER **EDITOR**

The City of Mayville, on Monday, Oct. 10, ended a years-long discussion regarding the keeping of poultry within city limits, as the Common Council approved a new ordinance that will allow hens (female chickens) to reside in Mayville.

#### License

The city will be issuing a license, at a cost of \$25 annually, to residents engaged in the keeping of hens on their property.

Anyone who owns at least one hen (at least eight weeks of age) must obtain a license from the city.

The license must be renewed annually and runs from January 1 to December 31.

The ordinance also states that fowl owners must register with the State of Wisconsin (per state statutes).

Only one license will be permitted to a single parcel of property.

#### Regulations

The ordinance sets the regulations for how many birds one property can hold. The limit is set to six (6) hens. and roosters (male chickens) will not be allowed.

The hens must be confined or, in other words, not allowed to roam city property, public property or private property where the birds are not licensed. Hens may be transferred from one legally licensed property to another but must be crated, penned or leashed during the process.

Structures for housing hens must be 25 feet away from any principal structure not owned by the licensed individuals. Hens may not be kept in front or side yards. The ordinance also details specifics in the cleanliness of coops and pens.

Any person violating the provisions and regulations of the ordinaince could be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25 for the first offense, but no more than \$1,000. The conditions stay the same for a second offense, though the minimum fee is raised to \$50.

#### **Application**

An application to keep chickens in the City of Mayville is available at City Hall or online.

The process to apply may take several days or weeks, so the chicken's arrival in city limits may take some time, but, assuredly, by next spring, coops and pens will be popping up throughout the city.

Check back in future editions as we provide "coop coverage" of Mayville's newest incoming residents.

Read the entire ordinance online at mayvillecity.com.

## 2022 Mayville Chamber Citizen, Business & V.I.P. Awards Banquet I Wednesday, Oct. 19



Mayville Chamber President Chris Neu, left, presents Mike Schuett with the Mayville Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award. The award winners were announced in May of this year with the banquet held at the Mayville Golf Course last Wednesday. **SUBMITTED** 



Mayville Chamber President Chris Neu, left, presents Rick Larson, President and CEO of Mayville Savings Bank (MSB), with the Mayville Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award. It was announced MSB would receive the award back in May. **SUBMITTED** 



Mayville Chamber President Chris Neu, left, presents Wendy Clark, Marketing Director at RCI Engineering, with the Mayville Chamber of Commerce V.I.P. of the Year Award. The acronym stands for "vital industry partner", as RCI was recognized for its contributions to promoting commerce in the City of Mayville. **SUBMITTED** 



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