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MEDIA ADVISORY

Town Hall meeting to address free range chickens set for November 29th....

Bastrop, Texas, The City of Bastrop City Council will be holding a televised public meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, to discuss the free-range chickens and roosters in Bastrop. Both Council and Staff routinely receive input from our citizens on this topic, some in favor of keeping the chickens and others adamantly ready to get rid of the chickens. "City Council members routinely field calls and grocery store stops regarding free range chickens in our community," said City Manager Lynda Humble. Before staff and council begin making any decisions on the issue, it is imperative we hear from our customers. "To make the best decisions possible for our community, we need to hear from those both positively and negatively affected by this issue."

This public meeting will provide a forum for a community conversation on this topic, so City Council can receive input from both sides of this issue. The meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will include a short presentation on the City's existing ordinance by Code Enforcement officer Troy Walters. In 2009 the City of Bastrop City Council passed an ordinance creating the Farm Street Chicken Sanctuary, covering approximately 1500 feet of paved road along Farm Street from SH 95 to the railroad tracks at Fayette street. Mayor Schroeder will also set expectations for the public meeting which will allow time for citizen comment by those who are in favor of keeping the chickens and roosters. The same time allotment will also be granted to those who would like to see changes to our existing ordinance. "This is a very serious issue that effects our customers, and the upmost respect and courtesy will be demonstrated during the meeting from Council, Staff and the public.," said Mayor Schroeder. "The basic rule for participation is that every citizen that states a problem or issue must also provide a solution to their problem or issue for Council consideration." Said Schroeder. Citizens will be given five (5) minutes to speak until the time allocation (keep as is or make

changes) is reached. Citizens, who are present and sign up to speak, can yield their time to another citizen who need more time to state their issue and solution.

Council will discuss the information received and provide the City Manager with direction, which could range from holding another meeting for further discussion, offering changes to the existing ordinance, or taking no action at all.

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