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**City Council Regular Meeting  
Second Supplemental  
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**To:** Ron Moore <  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting - Rusty Bucket

Ron,

I just heard that there is a City Council meeting tonight and I see that Rusty Bucket Acres is on the agenda. I just want you to understand my concerns regarding that business running in that area. During the summer we do see an increased traffic pattern during the camp drop off and pick up times. This is concerning because Cty Road 18 (Afton Blvd) has already seen a significant traffic increase since Covid. I am not comfortable walking on that road or biking with my kids due to the increased traffic and reckless driving that has been occurring.

As an Afton resident, I am fully supportive of having hobby farms. I am, however, somewhat concerned about the animals health. This past winter their dogs had gotten out. I had called the Washington County Sheriff because I had not found the owner immediately although I had called the phone number on the dog's collar. I explained my concerns with the dogs, they seemed very malnourished and unkept. Washington County couldn't do anything about it they said and the owner did come retrieve them. She explained one of the dogs had just had puppies but I didn't know they had a kennel license to have that many dogs and again, I was concerned with their current state.

Finally, what are the City's requirements for fire safety. In June of 2022 Rusty Bucket Acres had a significant barn fire. I realize this can happen to any of us in Afton, however, if they are going to run a farm/shelter/business, are there additional requirements they will be required to have to ensure the safety of those around them.

Thanks,  
Danielle