

September 1, 2016

Public Hearing: 6PM City Hall Application Request from Kate Stangl for Variance and/or Special Permits to allow livestock and shed in a residential Shoreland riparian area.

Present were Mayor Brix and council members Z.Brix, Eisen, and Stockard. Mayor Brix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Applicant Kate Stangl was not present.

Council received comments from the audience:

- Pete Backlin 22038 Cottontail Drive spoke against allowing the variance. He had signed a petition of local property owners stating a variance to house livestock was not permitted in the residential area. He has lived at his address for 25 years and been actively involved cleaning up the quality of water in Rabbit Lake, Clinker, and Lake Cuyuna. Concern that livestock waste would be odorous and also contaminate the water. Stated the council should abide by the ordinances without allowing this variance.
- Jim and Alma Gersich, resident of Cottontail Drive for 15 years, was concerned with animals, their waste, and smell. Opposed to granting a variance as the property is residential. He knows from experience the smell generated by just 2 pigs.
- Dick Johnson, 22052 Cottontail Drive, stated his opposition to granting the variance to house the farm animals. Keep the animals and their smells and waste in the country; not residential areas.
- Mike Stegman, 22084 Cottontail Drive, was opposed to granting a variance in the residential area. Same concerns with smell, waste flowing into the lake, and enforcement of ordinances.
- Richard Simmons, resident of Cottontail Drive, said waste from the animals would go downhill toward the waterway. How would it be removed? How would smell be controlled? Has the DNR been consulted? Opposed to granting a variance.
- Richard Larson, 21776 Raider Court, shared that he has farmed and just 1 to 2 hogs create smell and attract flies. Also concern where waste would run off to as well as the smell. Opposed to granting a variance.
- Pete Backlin asked if the council could give their opinion, understanding no action could be taken until the regular meeting.
- Council member Zontelli noted he would not want livestock next to his residential home. Council members Z. Brix, Eisen, and Stockard also noted they would not be in favor of livestock in the residential shoreland district.

Adjournment:

- **Motion by Z. Brix to adjourn. Second by Eisen. Motion carried unanimously.**

William F Bedard
Clerk

Lloyd Brix
Mayor.