

MEMORANDUM

To: North Ogden City Council

From: Craig C. Barker, Community Development

Subject: Amended ordinance regarding the keeping of pigs

Date: April 24, 2012

The City Council was approached by a young lady at their council meeting on March 13, 2012 about the possibility of keeping a pig at her family's property for a four H project. The present ordinance prohibits the keeping of any swine in the City (11-7A -2-C). The Council asked that this item be referred to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission met on Wednesday March 21, 2012 and considered the Council's request to review the request and provide a recommendation. The Planning Commission recommended that the prohibition on the keeping of swine remain in place except for the keeping of not more than two hogs for a period of six months or less for 4-H projects only. This will only apply to the Residential RE-20 Zone which is the City's areas where agriculture and animal keeping is allowed. The proposed minimum lot area is one acre for the keeping of the two hogs.

NORTH OGDEN PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2012

6. **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11-7A-2 IN THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF SWINE.**

Craig Barker stated there was a request before the City Council to raise a pig for the 4-H competition. He said our City Code does not allow swine in the City boundaries. He said the City Council has referred this item to the Planning Commission. Staff recommends allowing swine up to six months for the purpose of 4-H competition. He referred to the staff report.

Commissioner Kiser asked about the acre restriction. Craig Barker replied that requirement came from the Weber County requirement. He discussed the problems with keeping a larger number of swine.

Commissioner Residori asked the rationale for not allowing pigs. Craig Barker said from his experience the problems came from the smell and getting rid of the waste. He said they had sewer lagoons that work but did have a strong smell to it.

Commissioner Residori said the 4-H requirements for raising pigs are very strict. Commissioner Brown said the resident came to the City Council meeting and brought a great presentation.

Kandace Marsh, 173 E. 2000 N., said her school teacher was with her at the City Council meeting and she has raised pigs for 20 years.

Commissioner Brown commented that she did very well. Commissioner Dalpiaz asked Kandace Marsh if she is getting ready for a fair. Kandace Marsh replied yes, the Weber County Fair.

Commissioner Kiser asked how big of a parcel do they live on. Dave Marsh replied they have a total of five acres.

Commissioner Kiser said his first concern is everything that goes along with a pig farm. He said he knows this situation is different. He asked if they plan on building a structure. Kandace Marsh replied they will be in a fenced in pen outside. Commissioner Kiser asked the size of the fenced area. Kandace Marsh replied it is 20 feet by 30 feet.

Commissioner Kiser how close the nearest neighbor is. Dave Marsh replied approximately 200 feet.

Commissioner Brown said she had asked at the City Council meeting if the neighbors are aware of it and her mother said they are aware and are fine with it.

Craig Barker said they should be aware the City Council will be required to hold a public hearing on this and the neighbors will be notified. Commissioner Kiser said the neighbors are his primary concern. He said the number one priority is to try and keep peace with the neighbors.

Commissioner Residori commented that they live in an agriculture area. Craig Barker said it is restricted to an RE-20 zone.

Commissioner Quinney said their biggest concern is if they begin receiving complaints.

Commissioner Kiser asked if this is one more thing the City will need to monitor. Craig Barker replied they will only monitor it if they receive complaints.

Commissioner Quinney motioned to recommend to the City Council to amend section 11-7A an exception to allow the keeping of two swine on at least a one acre parcel. Commissioner Residori seconded the motion.