

**MINUTES OF THE STOKMAN VARIANCE MEETING  
EITZEN CITY COUNCIL  
June 20, 2022**

A special meeting of the Eitzen City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Jeffrey Adamson. Council members present were Emily Burrichter, Mitch Lutichens, Mitch Lange and Doug Meyer. Also in attendance were City Clerk Steve Schuldt and City Maintenance Darryl Meyer. Rob and Renee Stokman were present to explain their variance request. Guests in attendance were Bev Meyer, Janice Adamson, Marlene Meiners, Jean Kurk, Jeff Merzenich and Dan Esser.

Mayor Adamson introduced Rob and Renee Stokman and allowed them to present their plans for a pastured area with an arena for horses. It is noted that the pasture portion of the fenced area will be on Karl and Jean Stokman's farm which is an agricultural zone with the arena area located on Rob and Renee Stokman's property.

Rob and Renee Stokman provided an ariel photo of the proposed location with an outline indicating where the fence is be installed. Their plans also include a three-sided shelter for their horses at the northwest corner of the pasture. The shelter will be built on skids for mobility. They do not plan to have more than two horses on the property at any one time. Renee Stokman stated that she has experience with handling horses and teaching riding skills to children.

Mayor Adamson opened the meeting to guests for questions and comments as follows:

What does the ordinance recite? Mayor Adamson reviewed the ordinance to attendees.

Can more horses be acquired: Mr. Adamson stated that the permit will state explicitly a maximum number allowed..

What if kids enter the fenced area? A guest responded that kids should be supervised and not allowed to trespass.

Are injuries a liability to the City? Mr Stokman stated that liability lies with the property owner.

What type of fence will be installed? Ms. Stokman stated the fence will have fiberglass posts and will not be barbed wire.

Will feed attract unwanted vermin? Stokmans stated that the area will be well maintained to prevent incursion by unwanted pests.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Adamson stated that the variance request will be taken under advisement and Council will vote on the matter at the July 12, 2022 meeting. Mayor Adamson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

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Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

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Jeffrey P. Adamson, Mayor