

**MINUTES
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
11:00 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Burney
Dr. Karen Metzler
Alex Magee
Lieutenant James Parham

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Secretary
Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burney called to order at 11:07 a.m.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony or comments were provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from Animal Services Advisory Meeting held on November 13, 2019

Secretary Magee made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Lieutenant Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Update on Clear the Shelter date for 2020.

Secretary Magee reported that the Clear the Shelter date has been changed to August 29, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on modification to the existing wildlife trapping policy

Secretary Magee gave an overview of the recommended modifications to the current wildlife trapping policy. The consensus of the committee was to continue to trap sick, injured and high-risk animals. For non-high-risk animals, policy changes will include referral information to wildlife rehabilitation providers and wildlife classes at the

Watauga Public Library. The policy change will lower trapping costs, liability, loss of life of trapped animals, and staff's time and resources responding to resident calls. It was clarified that a change to the current city ordinance is not needed, as it only pertains to tampering with the trap, as it is city property. The policy changes will be presented to Chief Robert Parker.

Dr. Metzler made a motion to accept the recommended changes to the policy. Lieutenant Parham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and action to establish Animal Services Advisory Committee meetings for Calendar Year 2020

The Committee discussed and agreed upon the following 2020 meeting dates; February 26, 2020, June 17, 2020, and November 18, 2020. All meetings will be held at 12:00 p.m.

Secretary Magee made a motion to accept scheduled 2020 meeting dates and times. Dr. Metzler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to conduct, Chairman Burney called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Lieutenant Parham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Magee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVED: this 17TH day of JUNE, 2020

SIGNED: this 17TH day of JUNE, 2020

ATTEST:

Alex Magee /s/

Secretary

APPROVED:

Pam Burney /s/

Chairperson

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