

**MINUTES
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
12:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Burney
Dr. Karen Metzler
Alex Magee
Lieutenant James Parham

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson (Absent with Notice)
Secretary
Member

and

Raquel Guajardo

Deputy City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Burney called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Request to Speak forms were not received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval of minutes from Animal Services Advisory Meeting held on June 17, 2020.**

Ms. Magee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 17, 2020.
Motion seconded by Lieutenant Parham. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. **Update on Clear the Shelter 2020**

Ms. Magee provided an update on adoption events and stated that the shelter has processed (15) surrendered animals and currently has (16) cats and (3) dogs available for adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and Action on a reduced fee for senior citizens. Animal adoption fee is \$80.00 currently. Action would approve the reduction for the adoption fee to \$40.00.**

Ms. Magee presented the item and asked for the fee to be reduced for senior citizens as they are on a fixed income. Lieutenant Parham inquired if the fee would cover sterilization in which Ms. Magee responded that any incurred costs would come from donations.

Lieutenant Parham made a motion to reduce the adoption fee for seniors as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Magee. Motion carried.

Chairperson Burney expressed her support and stated that it is a great program for the City of Watauga.

2. Discussion and Action on implementing Forever Hope Animal Adoption Program for special needs pets.

Ms. Magee presented the item and explained that special need animals experience slower or no adoptions due to potential additional medical care costs. Implementation of this program will waive the adoption fee for animals that are heartworm positive, animals that at 10+ years old, and those that have severe medical conditions.

Lieutenant Parham made a motion to waive the adoption fee for animals in the Forever Hope Animal Adoption Program. Motion seconded by Ms. Magee. Motion carried.

Chairperson Burney expressed her support for the new program and stated that it is another great initiative by the City of Watauga.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to conduct, Chairperson Burney adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

APPROVED: this 18TH day of NOVEMBER, 2020

SIGNED: this 31ST day of DECEMBER, 2020

ATTEST:
Alex Magee /s/
Secretary

APPROVED:
Pam Burney /s/
Chairperson



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