



AGENDA
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
11:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Supervisor report of shelter activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT If speaking for an organization or group, the speaker should identify the group represented. If speaking during Public Comment (for matters not posted on that particular meeting's agenda), members of the City Council and Staff may only provide a statement of factual information in response to the inquiry or recite existing policy in response (e.g., to correct a factual misstatement made by the citizen or provide factual information requested by the citizen). Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. If necessary, the Chair will task the City Manager to respond to the citizen and report back to the City Council as soon as practicable. Such report to the City Council shall not constitute a meeting called by the City Council nor shall it constitute deliberation or formal action. Individual citizens addressing the City Council during Public Comment shall not exceed three (3) minutes in their comments; however, the Chair may extend or reduce the speaker's allotted time in order to conduct an efficient and effective public meeting. The time allotted shall not be donated to others desiring to speak. Public Comment is not established to engage in a conversation with the Council and no formal Council action will be taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS Only those persons who submit a completed Request to Speak form prior to the agenda item being introduced by the Chair will be allowed to speak on agenda items set for action (this doesn't include presentations or reports). The Chair shall ask each person requesting to speak to approach the podium when called to speak. Speakers time shall generally not exceed three (3) minutes in their comments and all comments must be germane to the specific agenda item being discussed; however, the Chair may extend

or reduce the speaker's allotted time. Speakers shall not be permitted to donate their time to other speakers. Members of the City Council may ask questions or discuss the item directly with the citizen during the citizen's testimony if necessary. Any discussion between a Council member and the citizen will not count toward the time limit and Council Members are encouraged not to speak until the citizen has first utilized their allocated time.

REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA All of the items on the consent agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion, one second, and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items.

1. Consider approval of the March 7th, 2023 meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on scheduling the next meeting date for the year 2023.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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I, Linda Proskey, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on September 8, 2023, before 6:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Linda Proskey, City Secretary



Supervisor Report of Activities:

Some minor improvements occurred to the animal shelter. The front door has new decals to make it easier to read and look more professional, the front door handle now has a push handle to help prevent dogs from pushing the door open, and the Animal Services sign was repainted to make it stand out more. Erosion issues were resolved surrounding the building as well.

Two new officers have been hired and are currently in training.

A new washer and dryer were purchased.

Clear the Shelter event lasted the whole month of August and 30 animals were adopted. Our current live release rate is at 85.5%.

The "Humane Educators" have been contacted to help revamp the entire Chapter 6 ordinance section for Animal Services. More updates are coming as the possible changes are being reviewed before being presented to the committee.

A veterinarian is still being sought to join the animal advisory committee.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2023
TO: Honorable City Council Members
FROM:
THROUGH:
SUBJECT: Consider approval of the March 7th, 2023 meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION DESIRED:

ATTACHMENTS/ SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Animal Services 3.7.2022 - Draft Minutes

REVIEWED BY:

Robert Parker, Police Chief
Joshua Jones, City Manager
Linda Proskey, City Secretary

Approved - 9/8/2023
Approved - 9/8/2023
Final Approval - 9/8/2023

Approved as to form for inclusion on Agenda



**MINUTES
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
12:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stacy McCool called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Stacy McCool	Chairperson
Kevin Mead	Vice-Chairperson
Tonya DeGrand	Secretary
Vacant	Veterinarian
and	
Jan Hill	Council Liaison
Arthur Miner	Mayor
Linda Proskey	City Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

REPORT

Supervisor report of shelter activities.

Two new officers have been hired and have been euthanasia certified and basic certified. We are currently looking to fill the last ACO position and will be doing interviews soon. The volunteer program should be starting soon and people will have online access to sign up for certain duties during their volunteer time. We have not had many big dog adoptions and kennels have been full for some time. Special adoption fees have been created but it still has not increased adoptions. All shelters are going through low adoption rates right now, rescues are full due to no adoptions, and it is puppy and kitten season, which means the shelter can fill up quickly. Staff may consider doing an adoption off-site event on a weekend at a popular spot in hopes of getting some dogs adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approval of the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes.

DeGrand made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2022, Animal Services Advisory Meeting. Mead motioned it to be approved. McCool Second.

Chairperson McCool called for a vote.

Vote passed 3.0.0.0

Ayes: McCool, DeGrand, Mead

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss possible ordinance changes to Section 6-291: Humane treatment required; abandonment; cruelty.

Abandon means to fail to adequately provide an animal with one (1) or more of the necessities of life, including but not limited to, air, food, potable water, sanitary conditions, shelter, protection from the heat, cold, or other environmental conditions, or under other circumstances that may cause bodily injury, serious bodily injury, or death of the animal, or to leave an animal in the care, custody, or control of another person without his or her consent. Abandons any animal that he or she has possession or ownership of at the animal services facility, at any other place of business, on public property, or with any person that has not consented or has revoked consent to be responsible for the care of the animal. Fails to reclaim any animal that he owns from the animal services facility or any person who had temporary possession of the animal.

2. Discuss possible ordinance changes to Section 6-64: Redemption of animal by owner; disposition of unredeemed animals.

Discussion about changing the ordinance to redeem animals that were impounded for running at large to include mandatory microchip implantation along with a fee. A microchip implant in the animal is required. If the animal is not already identifiable by microchip, the owner shall pay a fee to have a microchip implanted into the animal prior to release. The microchip fee is already \$20 but is optional at this time. The fee for the microchip at the time of redemption will be the same. Other animal shelters are doing the same as well as changing the license tags to microchips instead.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stacy McCool adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm

Approved: this _____ day of _____, 2023

Signed: this _____ day of _____, 2023

APPROVED:

Stacy McCool, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tonya DeGrand, Secretary

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