



**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
Kevin Mead
Tonya DeGrand
Vacant

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Secretary
Veterinarian

and
Jan Hill
Arthur Miner
Linda Proskey

Council Liaison
Mayor
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.

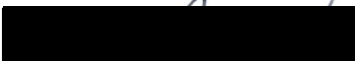
ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stacy McCool adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm

Approved: this 13th day of September, 2023


Signed: this 13th day of September, 2023

ATTEST:



Tonya DeGrand, Secretary

APPROVED:



Stacy McCool, Chairperson
Kevin Mead, Vice Chair

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