



**MINUTES  
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023  
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS  
76148  
12:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Stacy McCool called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Stacy McCool	Chairperson
Sergeant James Varelans	Vice Chairperson
Tonya DeGrand	Secretary

and

Lisa Benavidez	Assistant to the City Secretary
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS**

There was no public testimony.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor report of activities.

The live release rate for fiscal year 2022/2023 is %85.24. That is an increase from last fiscal year's 82.91%. There was an increase of 152 more animals that were impounded this year than last year.

We are about to hire two new officers to make the shelter fully staffed. Chapter 6 of the Watauga City Code pertaining to Animal Control is still being revised before being presented to the committee.

A Veterinarian is still being sought to be a part of the committee.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the September 13th, 2023 meeting minutes. McCool made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 13th, 2023 Animal Services Advisory Meeting. DeGrand and Varelans seconded the motion to approve. McCool made a point in order that the vote passed unanimously.

Vote passed 2.0.0.0

Ayes: DeGrand, Varelans, McCool Nays: None

Abstain: None Absent: None

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss and consider action on scheduling meetings for the year 2024.

It was discussed that 2024 meetings should be held on February 21st, April 14th, and September 4th.

McCool made a motion to approve. DeGrand and Varelans seconded that motion. McCool called for a vote. Motion Passed

Ayes: DeGrand, Varelans, McCool Nays: None

Abstain: None Absent: None

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson McCool adjourned the meeting at 12:07 PM

Approved: this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024

Signed: this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024

APPROVED:

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S. McCool /s/

Stacy McCool, Chairperson

ATTEST:

T. DeGrand /s/

*Tony* DeGrand, Secretary