

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

The Animal Management & Welfare Board met on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 5 p.m. in the Council meeting room to discuss the agenda, and at 6 p.m. in regular session in the City Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

Sunny Hodge-Campbell	Chairman Animal Mgt & Welfare Board Member
Andrea Slater Gulley	Vice Chairman Animal Mgt & Welfare Board Member
Brook Reeves	Animal Mgt & Welfare Board Member
Dr. Jim Cook, DVM	Animal Mgt & Welfare Board Member
Members absent:	
Dr. C.P. Paullus	Animal Mgt & Welfare Board Member

Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

Bob Cowell	Assistant City Manager
Marcus Norris	City Attorney
Administrative Officials absent:	
Scott McDonald	Interim Animal Mgt & Welfare Director

Chairman Sunny Hodge-Campbell established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were considered.

Item 1. Minutes

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Andrea Slater Gulley; motion was seconded by Board Member Brooke Reeves, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4:0.

Item 2. Presentation on the changing of the name of the Animal Control Board to Animal Management and Welfare Board.

Assistant City Manager Bob Cowell presented a report regarding the change in name to the Board. There was no discussion.

Item 3. Discuss proposed dates for the Amarillo Animal Management Welfare Board 2014

Chairman Sunny Hodge-Campbell proposed that future dates and times will be, September 15, 2014 at noon, October 27, 2014 at 6 p.m., and December 15, 2014 at noon. There was no discussion.

Item 4. Presentation and Discussion from the Amarillo Randall Humane Society by Jena McFall, Executive Director

- Adoption Numbers
- Public education programs (vaccination, spay and neuter)

Executive Director Jena McFall stated July 2014 adoption numbers were 177 pets; 37 kittens, 9 cats, 51 puppies, 72 dogs, 1 chicken, and 7 adoption options.

Ms. McFall provided a report on upcoming spay, neuter, and vaccination efforts. Chairman Sunny Hodge-Campbell and Ms. McFall discussed the costs of the program and the details of its operation.

Item 5. Update and Discussion on Executive Director Search and Third Party Review by Bob Cowell, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Bob Cowell provided an update on the Director search and the on-going outreach efforts for the same. Mr. Cowell stated that the target Zero Institute has been selected to perform the assessment and provided an overview of how the assessment will be conducted.

Item 6. Update and Discussion on Animal Management and Welfare Department by Scott McDonald.

- Discussion regarding operation of Animal Mgt & Welfare, including: departmental reports; programs; shelter renovation/improvements; and budget for upcoming fiscal year

Assistant City Manager Bob Cowell provided an update on staffing levels at the shelter and on-going physical improvements. Cowell further updated the Board on current operational statistics. There was no discussion.

Item 7. Presentation and discussion regarding pet registration and breeder licensing

- Pet registration including spay and neuter requirements

City Attorney Marcus Norris presented information regarding a sample Registration Ordinance. Chairman Sunny Hodge-Campbell discussed some of the operational considerations and costs of such a program.

Burney Stokes, 4222 Hetrick, stated concerns regarding applicability of such a program to AKC clubs. Chairman Sunny Hodge-Campbell discussed the potential for partnerships between the City and AKC clubs on such efforts.

Lindsey Piper, 7301 Ashley, discussed the need to exempt non-classified service dogs from any such ordinance.

Stephanie Cook, 4244 SW 14th Ave, discussed the benefits of a registration program.

Terry Lynn Salazar, 15500 Avent St., discussed the benefits of a registration program and her support of changes being made at the shelter

Item 8. Presentation and Consideration regarding mandatory microchip for all animals leaving Animal Management & Welfare

City Attorney Marcus Norris presented two draft ordinances regarding mandatory microchipping; Mr. Norris stated Sample Draft Ordinance A addresses a requirement that all animals leaving the shelter get chipped, whether through redemption, adoption or transfers to the Humane Society. Mr. Norris stated Sample Draft Ordinance B addresses all pet owners in Amarillo must microchip their pet after three months of age.

Vice Chairman Andrea Slater Gulley discussed with Mr. Norris, the charges for such a program. Mr. Norris indicated the City can only recover their costs for the additional required services.

Burney Stokes, 4222 Hetrick; discussed his agreement that costs should be kept low.

Vice Chairman Andrea Slater Gulley moved to approve the motion for approval for the recommendation to the City Council of the Ordinance requiring mandatory microchipping of all animals leaving the shelter. Board member Brooke Reeves seconded. Motion passed 4:0.

Item 9. Discussion of items for next meeting agenda

Chairman Sunny Hodge Campbell requested Assistant City Manager Bob Cowell to follow up with the third party assessment. Vice Chairman Andrea Slater Gulley suggested discussing mandatory vaccinations. Board member Brooke Reeves suggested discussing breeders' licenses.

Item 10. Public Forum

Shea White, 4212 W 12th, stated more needs to be done to distribute information regarding animal management laws in general.

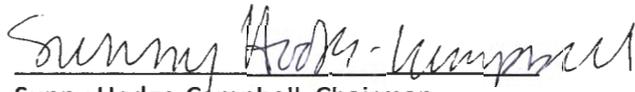
Burney Stokes, 4222 Hetrick, stated a need to address different types of breeders in different manners as new regulations are considered.

Sandy Whitney, 4214 Catalpa, stated support for mandatory licensing and that the shelter euthanasia list should be posted on-line.

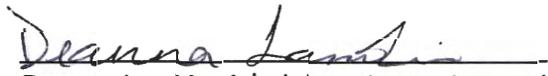
Shelly Kerns, 4400 S Wilson, discussed her concerns regarding a pet named Penny she had attempted to rescue and stated her support for posting the euthanasia list on-line.

Chairman Sunny Hodge-Campbell advised that the next meeting is scheduled for September 15. Meeting was adjourned.

This meeting was recorded and on file with the City Secretary Office.


Sunny Hodge-Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST:


Deanna Lamkin, Administrative Assistant V
Animal Mgt & Welfare Department