

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

The Animal Management & Welfare Board met on Monday, October 27, 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the following members present:

Sunny Hodge-Campbell	Chairman
Andrea Slater Gulley	Vice Chairman
Brooke Reeves	

Members absent:  
Dr. C.P. Paullus  
Dr. Jim Cook, DVM

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Cowell	Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo
Bryan McWilliams	Assistant City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Scott McDonald	Interim Director, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, City of Amarillo
Deanna Lamkin	Administrative Technician, City of Amarillo
Jena McFall	Executive Director, Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society

**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 3:0.

**Item 2. Presentation of Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society.** Executive Director Jena McFall presented her September 2014 adoption numbers totaling 200 pets; 28 kittens, 2 cats, 34 puppies, 42 dogs, 1 lamb, 1 rabbit, 2 sheep, 29 adoption options, and 70 went to other rescue agencies. Ms. McFall stated Mack (the miracle dog) was adopted into his forever home in Dallas, TX. Ms. McFall further stated that at her conference she went to, they presented an option called SNR, which stands for shelter neuter and release.

**Item 3. Presentation and discussion of Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Shelter Operations.** Interim Director Scott McDonald presented a summary of the ongoing reorganization and facility enhancements. Mr. McDonald discussed the search details for the new Animal Management & Welfare Director. He also discussed the Municipal Code update stating every animal leaving the shelter through Animal Management's side will be microchipped and registered. Operationally, the number of calls for service for September totaled 3,160.

**Item 4. Presentation and discussion of Cruelty Investigations.** Assistant City Attorney Brian McWilliams presented a report over the training of how the animal cruelty ordinance fits into state law and how the application and contexts fit into their everyday duties. Mr. McWilliams discussed Amarillo Police Department's position in helping Animal Management & Welfare officers and prosecutions. Chairman Hodge-Campbell asked about who will be taking lead on the investigation process? Mr. McWilliams replied Animal Management & Welfare officers would be the first responders, whom will then contact

APD to arrive. Each officer will process evidence as usual, and once the detectives get the evidence it is their case.

Chairman Hodge-Campbell asked if Animal Management & Welfare officers are trained on how to write a warrant and about cruelty class training. Mr. McWilliams replied that Animal Management & Welfare officers are nationally trained Animal Cruelty Investigators, and that APD are brought in to obtain evidence and enforce the rules whenever AMW officers need them.

Item 5. Public Forum. Shea White, 4212 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, discussed her thoughts on the hiring of a veterinarian to be on staff, stating it would be cost beneficial and easier on the animals.

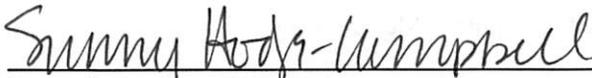
Burney Stokes, 3242 Hetrick, discussed his concerns on creating a city fund program to reimburse college students who graduate out of state with a veterinary degree and come back to Amarillo to work.

Brittainy Hall, 1404 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, discussed her concerns for the follow through with prosecution and how it isn't being done. She also stated her position on the qualifications of the supervisors she worked with.

Danielle Niimi, 1404 S Jefferson, discussed her position of changes in the department being made to late and the turn-around isn't processing fast enough in the right areas. She further discussed why she thinks prosecution on animal cruelty cases needs to be in effect and abusers need to be held responsible.

Ms. Hodge-Campbell advised that the next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2014.

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



Sunny Hodge-Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST:



Deanna Lamkin, Administrative Technician  
Animal Management & Welfare Department