

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

The Animal Management & Welfare Board met on Monday, December 15, at 12:00 p.m. in the Council meeting room to discuss the agenda, 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
Andrea Slater Gulley	Vice Chairman
Brooke Reeves	
Dr. C.P. Paullus	
Dr. Jim Cook, DVM	

Also in attendance were the following:

Bob Cowell	Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo
Marcus Norris	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 5:0.

Item 2. Bob Cowell presented an introduction for the new Director of Animal Management & Welfare, Mr. Richard Havens. Mr. Havens is due to start January 5, 2015. Mr. Havens then spoke about his passion and energy for the opportunity to be a part of Amarillo's Animal Management & Welfare Department.

Director of Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society, Jena McFall, presented an introduction for her new staff member, Robin Capell, the new Assistant Director of APHS. 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 5:0.

Item 3. Ms. McFall presented her November 2014 adoption numbers totaling 276 pets; 33 kittens, 20 cats, 57 puppies, 60 dogs, 12 adoption options, 1 chicken, 3 guinea pigs, 1 potbellied pig, 1 snake, 2 rabbits, and 86 pets went to rescues. Ms. McFall introduced her new Rescue Coordinator Cheyenne Zimmer. She also advised the next rabies drive is going to be on March 14, 2015. She further presented her public service announcement is going to be focused on spaying/neutering and vaccinating your pets.

Item 4 Interim Director Scott McDonald presented a summary of the continuing changes with the department. Future changes will include additional staff; two new officers, two new animal care workers, an assistant director, and a veterinarian technician. Protocols have changed by including vet evaluations on the kennel doors. We will be working with some new committees in determining the animal issues. Future classes in customer service will be offered and additional classes for both AMW Officers and APD Officers.

Item 5. City Attorney Marcus Norris discussed for consideration of the adoption of Ordinance 8-2-15 Temporary custodian; transfer of ownership and Section 8-2-55 Disposition of unclaimed or unredeemed Animals. Section 8-2-15 would make AMW the temporary custodian of upon the animal's arrival and owner of the pet after the expiration of three days. Section 8-2-55 (3) Transfer to Humane Society also includes Panhandle Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to be included in this process.

Mr. McDonald stated APHS is the door for other rescues to pull for temporary foster care or for adoption. Ms. Reeves made a recommendation to take out of the ordinance transfer of ownership to the Panhandle Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mr. Norris stated that Section 8-2-4 Fees, reflects that the rescue shelter or owner of the pet will pay medical vet bills at the time of claiming the pet. Brooke Reeves made a motion; seconded by Ms. Slater Gulley; motion passed 5:0.

Item 6. Mr. Norris discussed for consideration the draft ordinance for Sec. 8-2-10 Dangerous Animal. Ms. Reeves made a motion; seconded by Dr. Paullus, motion passed 5:0.

Item 7. Mr. Norris presented a draft ordinance for the registration of animals. Sunny Hodge-Campbell recommended creating a committee to address breeder's fees, etc. to approve the policies for the registration of licensed breeders.

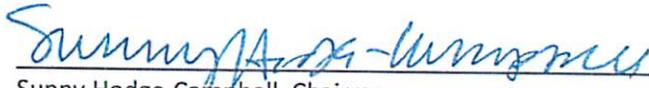
Item 8. Public Forum.

Debbie Stray, 6601 Diamond Ct, presented her concern for the sick and injured animals getting vet care and how that affects the taxpayers, and how to get volunteers out at the shelter.

Robin Cappell, 4033 Julie Dr., stated she would like the Board to take into consideration her concern for the wording of the City Ordinance to consider the underprivileged.

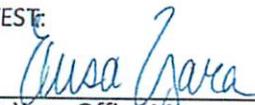
Shae White, 4212 W 12th Ave, stated that she would like the Board to take into consideration; the different kinds of breeders there are, when writing the city ordinance over registering animals. There, being no further business, Chairman Sunny Hodge Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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



Sunny Hodge-Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST:



Elisa Yara, Office Manager,
Animal Management & Welfare Department