

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

**MINUTES**

On February 7, 2018, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:30 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Dr. Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	11	11
William Kearns	Yes	13	13
Dale Potter	No	12	09
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	08	08
Melanie Davidson	Yes	04	04

Also in attendance were:

Richard Havens	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Christy Fischer	Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kevin Moon	Field Services Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Raymond Chavez	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Stacy Smith, DVM	Shelter Veterinarian, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Clay Martin	Shelter Volunteer Coordinator, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jeffna Cox	Administrative Tech, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Larry Milam	Executive Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Chase Steinmetz	TNR Coordinator, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society

**ITEM 1:** William Kearns called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:30 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, November 1, 2017, was made by Christopher Wrampelmeier and second motion by Dr. Dodson. The motion carried 4:0.

**ITEM 2:** Richard Havens, Director of AM&W, presented on the operation of Animal Management & Welfare.

All stats can be located on the AM&W website.

**August 2016 vs. August 2017.** Total intake was down .47% Stray dogs were up 11%; stray cats down 4%; owner surrenders were up 81%; bite cases were down 11%; reclaims were down 43%; adoptions were up 25%; transfers to rescue were down 10%; animals that left through the efforts of the Humane Society were up 7%; euthanasia was up 56%. TNR baseline is being established for year 2017 and 22 cats were released back into the community not able to reproduce. 1283 Total Intake (41.31% Euthanasia Rate / 58.69% Live Release Rate)

**September 2016 to September 2017:** total intake was down 10%; stray dogs were down 19%; stray cats were down 27%; owner surrenders were up 87%; bites were up 74%; reclaims were down 32%; adoptions were up 8%; transferred to rescue were down 11%; TNR was 11 cats. Animals that left through the efforts of the Humane Society were down 2%; euthanasia numbers were down 3%. 1062 Total Intake (39.17% Euthanasia Rate / 60.83% Live Release Rate)

Richard Havens presented the AM&W Advisory Board Meeting with the Initial Discussion of AM&W Initiatives that was presented to the City Council on October 31, 2017. The presentation addressed the Severe Animal Over population between surrounding cities (Lubbock, Wichita, KS, Austin, Texas) per capita comparison. Richard Havens presented proactive solutions via ordinance revisions. All data is posted on AMW.amarillo.gov.

Also addressed were adjustments of services due to flat budget within AM&W.

Mary Bagwell was introduced as the City of Amarillo's Public Information Officer.

Update on bond project working on site plans and expecting bidding to begin in January. Also, stop by and see how the expansion to the APHS building is coming along.

**ITEM 3:** Richard Havens presented to the AM&W Advisory board Clay Martin, the shelter's new Volunteer Program Coordinator for AM&W. Clay presented the board with the vision and the purpose of the Volunteer Program within the shelter to promote better adoptions and enriching the lives of shelter animals.

**ITEM 4:** Chase Steinmetz presented on the operation of the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society.

October rescue: 295 animals

Adoptions: 123

TNR: 17 cats

(430 animals left through their efforts)

**ITEM 5:** Larry Milam presented the 90 four 90 Program. The Director is committing a 90% survival rate within 4 years at the cost of 90 cents per month for the animals of the Amarillo community with the 90 four 90 Program. The 90 four 90 Program is targeting the reduction of intake and increase output and increase capacity through a robust foster program.

**ITEM 6:** Melanie Davidson motioned to forward the recommendation for the 90 four 90 Program. Chris Wrampelmeier seconded the motion for recommendation of the 90 four 90 Program. Motion passed 4:0

**ITEM 7:** Future meeting dates presented by William Kearns

02/07/2018

05/09/2018

09/12/2018

11/28/2018

**ITEM 8:** Future agenda items: Discussion on introducing fees for euthanasia and owner surrenders.

**ITEM 9:** Richard Havens and Chase Steinmetz recognized community individuals that advocate for domestic and wild animal life in the community.

Tamara Ward, great individual that fosters bottle babies, runs transports, and very helpful to the APHS.

Molly, Jennifer & Jessica Zimmerman, fosters that are always willing to help and transport, ready for last minute calls to take in fosters.

Stephanie Orwitz, with the Wild West Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for helping out on rabies vector species. She has helped the Shelter tremendously.

Angie Schafer, who helps with foster events and promotes foster events at APHS.

Melanie Henry, who established Texas Panhandle Pups Unchained, true grass roots organization to help Amarillo and surrounding communities with spay and neuter costs.

**ITEM 10:** Public Forum

Susan Thompson, 120 Wayside Drive, requesting a change in the afterhours protocol for Animal Management Officers to be dispatched to the scene after her frightening experience with a loose dog that almost attacked her while walking in Rock Island Rail Trail.

Andrea Slater Gulley, 3533 Sleepy Hollow Blvd, validated that stories like Ms. Thompson's experience be heard by the City Council, so that they can recognize that change is needed in our community. The City Council needs to hear from the public. She encourages citizens to attend public engagement meetings to support ordinance changes put forth by AM&W. It is time for progressive changes concerning our community animals.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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

  
Christopher Wrampelmeier, Vice Chair Person, for William Kearns, Chair Person

ATTEST:

  
Elisa Yara, Office Manager,  
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.