

MINUTES

On March 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. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Melanie Davidson	Yes	06	06
Dr. Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	13	13
AJ Fawver	Yes	02	02
Dale Potter	Yes	14	11
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	10	10

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: Dale Potter called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:43 P.M. Technical difficulties affected the 5:30 scheduled meeting time.

Presentation of proposed changes to Chapter 8-2 Animals and Fowl Ordinances. Richard Havens presented a draft version before continuing on with public engagement. The goals to accomplish are to strengthen existing ordinances; control the animal population, attempt to alleviate shelter population congestion, give animals a better fighting chance through adoptions and rescues, remove barriers to positive outcomes, and lower risk of illness. Presentation can be located at amw.amarillo.gov.

- i. Sec.8-2-1- Definitions
- ii. Sec. 8-2-2 Enforcement
- iii. Sec. 8-2-6. – Inhumane treatment; unlawful restraint, statutes; presumptions; definitions, enforcement.
- iv. ARTICLE VI. – Breeders.
 1. Sec. 8-2-88. Application for breeder’s permit per intact bitch.
 2. Sec. 8-2-89. Grounds for revocation.
- v. Sec. 8-2-59. Roadside, flea market sales, and garage sales.
- vi. Sec. 8-2-56. Prohibited transactions.
- vii. Sec. 8-2-4. – Fees.
- viii. Sec. 8-2-58. – Spay/Neuter Fund established.
- ix. Sec. 8-2-59. - Mandatory Spay/Neuter.
- x. Sec. 8-2-53. - Notice of Impoundment of tagged Animals.
- xi. Sec. 8-2-16. - Intact dogs and cats at large.
- xii. Sec. 8-2-15. – Temporary custodian; transfer of ownership.

ITEM 2: Public Hearing:

Lisa Nicholson, 3505 Fleetwood Drive, 79109. She is aware of the animal overpopulation. She does not feel ordinance changes will affect back yard breeders. She does not agree with decreased time from 72 hours to 48 hours. Her concern is for individuals that do not have computers to be able to look for their lost animals.

Jenny Chism, 9200 Town Square, 79119. She does not agree with the stray hold period being shortened from 72 hours to 48 hours. Agrees with the Ninety Four Ninety program.

Mandy Keeler, 2823 Armand, 79110. Rescue Assistant for APHS. She is in total support of the proposed ordinance changes presented by AM&W.

Cecily Chase Steinmetz, 4401 S. Coulter, 79109. Rescue Coordinator at APHS. She is in total support of the proposed ordinance changes. In support of shortening stray hold to 48 hours from 72 hours.

John Spydell, 14200 Sundown Trall, 79118. He feels that breeders are being targeted. Responsible people are going to do the right thing. He feels that the wrong group is being targeted. Does not know how the enforcement part of these ordinances will happen.

Jaclyn Spydell, 14200 Sundown Trail, 79118. They are not new to adopting. They are responsible breeders of English Mastiffs. She feels like they are being punished for being breeders. AM&W department needs to go and target irresponsible breeders. Breeders should be able to sale their dogs anywhere they want to.

Andrea Gulley, 3533 Sleepy Hollow Blvd, 79121. Thank you to Richard for working on the ordinance. She totally supports the changes. She mentioned a couple of changes to some ordinances.

8-2-53 - failure to reclaim should be one business day to pickup animal in fairness to the public.

8-2-59 - mandatory spay/neuter, is perfectly reasonable to require animal picked up to be spay/neuter

8-2-16 – intact dogs and cats at large-tattooing is wonderful way to be able to identify if an animal is spayed or neutered. She is in favor for the 48 hour stray hold period.

ITEM 3: Official Consideration:

Sec 8-2-1 – motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

Sec 8-2-2 – motion to proceed , but final draft to review before going to City Council. Motion passed 5:0

Sec. 8-2-6 – motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

Article VI – motion to proceed with both. Motion passed 5:0

Sec .8-2-59- motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

Sec. 8-2-56 – motion to proceed. Motion passed 4:0; 1 abstained

Sec. 8-2-4 – motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

Sec. 8-2-58 - motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

Sec .8-2-59 - motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

Sec .8-25-53- motion to proceed with change to one day. Motion passed 5:0

Sec. 8-2-16 – motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

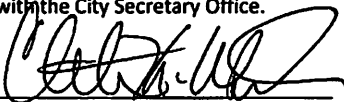
Sec. 8-2-15 - motion to proceed. Motion passed 5:0

ITEM 4: Update on APHS “90-Four-90” Plan by Larry Millam.

Met with mayor and city manager and the discussion brought a change where the “Opt-Out” funding would not be supported. The City would support an “Opt-In” option. The program would change to “9 four 90”, where it would only take 9% of people within the city to fund \$90.00 per year in order to be successful in the proposal (7000 people contributing). The plan will be revised to have the opt-in option versus the opt-out option. It would take 25 months before Clinic can be built from time of proposal passing and once passed the clinic would conduct 3000 surgeries per year. This would ensure that 90% of animals meet the live release rate criteria within the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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

For 
Dale Potter, Chair Person

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