

MINUTES

On January 29, 2020, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:00 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:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Stacy Grant	No	02	01
Matt Hite	Yes	02	02
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	02	02
Eddie Sauer	Yes	02	02
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	14	14

Also in attendance were:

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| Courtney White | Attorney, City of Amarillo |
| Kathryn Wrubel | Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo |
| Kevin Moon | Field Services Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo |
| Dr. Stacy Smith | Shelter Vet, AM&W, City of Amarillo |
| Elisa Yara | Office Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo |
| Jason Cook | CSR Intake Specialist, AM&W, City of Amarillo |
| Leigh Ann Briones | Volunteer Coordinator, City of Amarillo |

ITEM 1: Public Comment:

Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pineridge Drive, 79119, acknowledged Dr. Wrubel for her hard work. Ms. Humphrey addressed the board with the desire that AM&W get a bond for \$280,000.00.

Bennie Garcia, 4106 Tyler, 79110, wanted to address the fact that those who rescue animals be allowed to give away free kittens without a breeders permit. They are not breeders, but use TNR to fix feral mamma cats, tame and find homes for the kittens. They would like some provisions for people that rescue.

Sara Cervantes, Amarillo, 79101, wanted to let the Board know that she had noticed a huge difference in moral with other Rescue Groups; great volunteer activity to help dog population.

ITEM 2: Minutes:

Chris Wrampelmeier, acting Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:05 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, October 30, 2019, was made. The motion carried 4:0 with 1 absent.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates:

Update on Manage Intake, direction that AM&W is heading towards to slow down the intake of owner surrenders into the shelter, reduction in euthanasia, decreased crowding and costs. Managed Intake will require the need to hire more personnel and apply for grants to provide resources for surrender prevention and training of volunteers to counsel citizens.

Breeder's Ordinance, was proposed by Richard Havens and was in the early stages of community engagement meetings, but underwent many revisions and was eventually removed from the proposed changes to City animal ordinances in last draft.

Departmental Operations, rebuilding team, dispatch overseeing running of calls and assigning calls. Field Operations are running calls in real time, zero pending calls, picking up strays and dead animals. Shelter statistics are up to date and current through the end of December. Euthanasia rate decreased by 48% in December as compared with November, and was down by 65% from October respectively. Long stay animals are being spayed and neutered and taken out into the community to be adopted in one of our partnerships. Second Shelter Vet on staff, seeking new Asst. Director and Shelter Manager, lost beloved member of our staff, Jeffna Cox. Look at hiring another CSR Intake Specialist, hiring a third Vet Assistant, also looking to hire a Rescue Program Coordinator and staffing the Animal Management Officers.

Community Outreach, Pages and Paws with AISD, Paws for Kids, PIT Count Resource Fair, Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning Partnership, Homeless Outreach on February 12th.

New facility plans, ground breaking on the new Observation Building on February 12, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. which will house quarantine kennels, surgical suite for Shelter Vets, kennel runs, additional office space for Vet staff and training room.

ITEM 4: Identify Future Agenda Items:

April 29, 2020, AM&W Advisory Board Meeting will discuss Abandonment Ordinance changes, look at section of current draft of the Roadside Sales Ordinance, staff updates, operational changes to AM&W and other meeting locations.

ITEM 5: Set schedule for future Advisory Board meetings:
July 29, 2020, 5:00 P.M.
October 28, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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



Christopher Wrampelmeier, Chair Person

ATTEST: 

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