

## MINUTES

On February 23rd, 2022, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council meeting room located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave to discuss the agenda. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Secretary's Office. Eddy Sauer, Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:05 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
TBA			
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	09	08
Eddy Sauer	Yes	10	09
David Martinez	Yes	01	01
Bethany Schilling	Yes	03	03

Also, in attendance:

Victoria Medley	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kris Shaffer	Assistant Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Laura Storrs	Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Ty Vernon	Field Service Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Brandi Bullock	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jim Liggitt	Compliance Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kayla Sell	Outreach Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Margie Gonzalez	Administrative Specialist, AM&W City of Amarillo

**ITEM 1: Welcome and Introduction of New Members.** Introduce new board member David Martinez.

**Item 2: Public Comment.** There were no public comments.

**ITEM 3: Minutes.** The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, October 6, 2021, was presented. The motion passed 4:0.

**ITEM 4: Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair.** The nomination of Eddy Sauer as Chair and Charlie Sanchez as Vice Chair was motioned by Dr. Schilling. David Martinez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

**ITEM 5: The Board will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects:**

- A. **AMW Activity Report.** 2021 shelter numbers. 7983 total dog and cat intake for the year. Parvo, distemper, and panleukopenia accounted for 36% of all EUs in 2021. We reviewed the individual numbers for October, November, December 2021, and January 2022. We discussed the Field Stats for 1/31/2022 that showed a total of 51 calls for one day.
- B. **Staff updates.** New staff: Margie Gonzalez- Administrative Specialist II, Maryluz White- Administrative Assistant IV, Sarah Kacin- Vet Tech., Zoie Garcia- Vet Tech. We have also hired 2 part-time Adoption Specialists. We have 8 new Field Officer Trainees- Britton Milbern, Emilyann Fox, Jesse Capps, Dylan Pense, Wayne Graham, Hannah Greene, Justine Thompson, and Taylor Houston. Current positions posted: 6 Animal Care Worker positions and 4 Field Officer Trainees. All field officers attended the Texas ACO Basic and Euthanasia training in February that was hosted in the new training room at AM&W. Our winter on-call hours for the Field Officers are 9 pm to 7 am.
- C. **Veterinary Services Update.** There were 1,037 onsite surgeries in 2021. Texas Tech provided guidance during last year's distemper outbreak. We were also able to tour Texas Tech Vet School's new facility. City Council approved five contract veterinarians for the shelter.

- D. **Community Outreach/Adoption Programs.** AM&W partnered with Community Development, The Public Library, The Eagle, St. Andrews Elementary, and Pet Supplies Plus. The new Adoptions Office is up and running great. We have had a great response to the Barn Cat Program. We've also had many events in 2021. We had the drive-thru vaccination clinic, Hocus Pocus in the Park, the Kiwanis Speaking event, and Mutfest.
  
- E. **Community Outreach Update 2022.** 2022 is looking to be a great year. Texas Tech Behavior Team from Lubbock came and toured AMW. We hosted an Amarillo area rescue and advocate meeting. We will host the Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine's Small Animal Club in the SB training room. We will also be hosting a Blood Drive for Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Glenwood elementary had a Dimes for Dogs drive and collected \$1,232.00. The Kong Company ended up donating the 276 Kong enrichment toys. We have also partnered with KAMR Channel 4 and Carpet Tech for the Pet of the Week segment. Our Volunteer Program orientation is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have online sign-up until March 21<sup>st</sup>. There are 16 spots available.
  
- F. **Website tour.** The website tour was given by Kayla.

**Item 6: Identify Future Agenda Items** No future agenda items were discussed.

**Item 7: Set Schedule for Next Advisory Board Meeting.** We agreed to schedule the Board meeting for the rest of the year. The next Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at 5 PM at City Hall in the Council Chambers. We also scheduled the last quarter meeting for September 14, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Eddy Sauer,  
AM&W Advisory Board Chairperson

Margie Gonzalez  
Administrative Specialist, AM&W