

**MINUTES**

On September 28, 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 5:06 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Lynda Smith	No	2	0
Charlie Sanchez	Yes	11	10
Eddy Sauer	Yes	12	11
David Martinez	Yes	03	03
Bethany Schilling	Yes	05	05

Also, in attendance:

- Victoria Medley Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
- Kris Shaffer Assistant Director, AM&W, 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
- Taylor Houston Rescue Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
- Kayla Sell Outreach Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo

**ITEM 1:** Public Comment: There were no public comments.

**ITEM 2: Minutes.** The motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting, on May 11, 2022, was presented. The motion carried 4:0.

**ITEM 3: AMW Activity Report PowerPoint**

**A.** Staff spoke about the intake and outcome numbers for May, June, July, and August. AMW took in over 1000 animals in June alone. The shelter also took in several hens and roosters relating to a illegal cock fighting ring that was found. The case has been filed at the Potter Co. attorney office. Staff also went over a one-day field snapshot with a total of 74 calls.

**B. Staff Update:** Victoria went over new staff. Animal care workers: Jonah Diets, David Reagan, Alicia Akowa, Cody Holman, Estrela Ibarra, and Sterlin Lash. Taylor Houston is our Rescue Manager and Elizabeth Gibson is the Rescue specialist. Aaron Tudyk is the adoption Coordinator and Glory Bostock is the part-time Adoption specialist. Hannah Greene is the newest Veterinary assistant. AMW also have Clara Garcia and Sammy Lopez as new Field officer trainees. AMW Compliance Manager, Jim Liggitt retired after 27 years at AM&W. AMW field services had 2 officers promoted to AMO II. In November the newest officers will attend Texas Animal Control Officer Basic Training and Testing. The on-call schedule will switch to 7 pm to 7 am in mid-October. Currently, AMW has 4 animal care worker positions, an administrative technician, and 2 part-time adoption specialist positions open.

**C. Adoption Program Update:** In August we had the Clear the Shelter Crescendo event. We had a total of 73 adoptions from 10 am to 5 pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Community Outreach Update:** AMW participated in the Mutfest event on May 15<sup>th</sup> where 76 microchips were implanted, and AMW staff gave out Chewy items. AMW also participated in the Juneteenth celebration where Chewy items were given out as well. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> AMW held a vaccination clinic at Faith City Mission where 19 dogs and one cat were vaccinated. AMW held an adoption event for International Cat Day at the Zoo on August 6<sup>th</sup> and AMACon at the Civic Center on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Staffed participated in Bark at the Park at Hodgetown on August 10<sup>th</sup>. On September 10<sup>th</sup> AMW held a vaccination and microchip clinic at Bowie Park where 66 dogs and 7 cats were served, and more Chewy items were given out. AMW also attended the State of the City where 5 dogs were adopted, and Chewy items were handed out. AMW staff spoke about weekly media spots on KAMR Channel 4, Alpha Media Radio, and ABC Channel 7. AMW will also be holding Adoption events every other Sunday at Pet Supplies Plus. October is Return to Home Challenge month, so we are offering free microchips all month. Pop-up microchip clinics are scheduled each Saturday of the month as well. Staff spoke about our

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veterinary partners. AM&W has provided 20 dogs to the Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine for the semester. Texas Tech has also adopted 16 cats that will be permanently housed on campus. Amtech Animal Science has 6 interns at AM&W and has provided volunteers for many of our vaccination events.

**E. APHS Update:** On August 15, 2022, APHS notified the city that they would be moving out of the City shelter. COA gave AHS until Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> to vacate the space. AM&W assumed rescue placement duties on 8/16. The City ordinances have been revised to reflect the changes.

**F. Rescue Program Update:** A Rescue meeting was held on 8/15/2022. Two staff members were hired specifically for Rescue. We now have a Rescue Manager and a Rescue Specialist. We have 5 official Rescue partners in Amarillo, two near Dallas. We have placed 190 pets since 8/16/2022, of which 22 were sent to Dallas on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are also a part of the Best Friends incentive program, which gives \$125 to \$200 per animal and has given \$6,000 in our first three weeks.

**Item 4: Identify Future Agenda Items.**

**Item 5: Set Schedule for Next Advisory Board Meeting.** Next Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2023, at 5 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

ATTEST:

Eddy Sauer,  
AM&W Advisory Board Chairperson

Margie Gonzalez,  
Administrative Specialist II, AM&W