

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
 CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On February 8, 2017, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 12:00 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
Dr. Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	07	07
William Kearns	Yes	09	09
Dale Potter	No	09	08
Christopher Wrampelmeier	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, City of Amarillo
Raymond Chavez	Shelter Manager, City of Amarillo
Jeffna Cox	Administrative Tech
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo
Robin Cupell	Asst. Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Ryan Hazelwood	Interim Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society

ITEM 1: William Kearns called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 12:00 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, December 12, 2016, was made by Christopher Wrampelmeier, and second by Dr. Kellie Dodson. The motion carried 3:0.

ITEM 2: The presentation of the Five Year Capital Improvement plan by Jerry Danforth in regards to Animal Management & Welfare. Mr. Danforth stated that the CIP process is in place and ready to move forward. The design phase is in place and once funding is approved the Vet clinic project will begin along with \$704,000.00 worth of work to be done in budget year 2016-2017 in the 2017-2018 budget year the employee building will begin. The final phase in 2019-2020 budget years will be the drive thru barn and storage area for deceased animals to be kept in versus current location. A covered dog run is also in the plans during year 2019-2020. Total budget cost for all of the projects during the five year plan is \$1,610,000.00.

ITEM 3: Richard Havens presented the summary of shelter operations and updates. All statistics discussed can be located and downloaded as PDF file on the AM&W website and available to the public. Richard Havens stated that a solid 2nd year of statistics reflected a flat intake number from 2015 to 2016. A big portion of 2016 owner surrenders were refused. The spike in stray dogs was up 19%; stray cats were down; owner surrenders down 25%; bites were flat; reclaims up 11%; adoptions down, transfer to rescue increase of 64% from 2015 to 2016; animals leaving the facility through the efforts of the Humane Society is up by 29% from 2015-2016; Euthanasia down by 33% from 2015-2016; The live release rate was a little over 73% for 2016 along with the EU rate a little under 27% for 2016. The percentage of animals reclaimed by owners from 2015 to 2016 only increased by 1%. Stats for 2017 are located on the AM&W website. Cat room/ storm shelter is complete and ready for storm door that the public can handle. Protocols are being put in place to finalize the process to make the room operational. Approval of the bestiality ordinance was supported by the BI-City Council on January 17, 2017 and the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society Board on January 24, 2017. First and second readings will proceed on to the City Council for approval.

ITEM 4: Richard Havens, Director of Animal Management & Welfare presented the discussion and review of the proposed ordinance changes to Chapter 8-2 of the Amarillo Municipal Code. Mr. Havens reported on trapping and rooster regulation changes. The changes will go through City Legal and community engagement before consideration and recommendation from AM&W Advisory Board.

ITEM 5: Proposed Trapping Ordinance Provisions.

1. No person shall expose an open trap or metal jaw trap that shall be liable to injure any domestic animal or person.
2. All traps shall be constructed from materials that prevent injury to the target animal.
3. Trap shall be of appropriate size for the target animal species.
4. All traps shall be constructed and maintained in a manner that prevents injury to the person emptying the trap.

5. No trap shall be set on a day preceding a City of Amarillo recognized holiday or on a City of Amarillo recognized holiday.
6. Traps may only be set on a premise with the property owner's consent.
7. Traps shall be checked on no more than eight (8) hour intervals.
8. A trap shall not be set when a weather advisory or warning has been issued for the City of Amarillo.
9. Traps will not be left outdoors during inclement weather and shall be protected from the elements (wind, rain, and direct sun).
10. Location of trap shall not exceed 90 Degrees Fahrenheit or fall below 40 Degrees Fahrenheit
11. No traps will be emptied after 9:00 PM by Animal Management and Welfare personnel.

ITEM 6: Proposed Rooster Restriction Ordinance Provisions:

(g) It shall be unlawful for a chicken flock to have more than twenty-five (25) percent male birds, Roosters.

(h) Flock size limitation shall not apply to a publicly, governmentally, non-profit owned or maintained organization or entity.

Motion to accept the ordinances with discussed changes to Section 8-2-7, B (6) by Chris Wrampelmeier and second motion by Dr. Dodson. Motion passed 3:0.

ITEM 7: Discussion of future agenda items: No comment for future agenda items.

ITEM 8: Public Forum

Melody Malouf, 7911 Findley Drive, 79121, commented on amending Subsection B6, of the Trapping Ordinance to include "written consent" from property owner and allows for documentation of where and what circumstances the said animal comes from.

Dacia Anderson, 5227 Astoria, current foster at APHS, commented on the missing opportunity for a Volunteer Program at the animal shelter. A Volunteer Program would help the overloaded staff and help the shelter animal's quality of life and improve the adoptability of shelter animals.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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



William Kearns, Presiding Chair Person

ATTEST:

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