

AGENDA

FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2014 AT 11:00 A.M. ON THE THIRD FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 509 S. E. 7th AVENUE, AMARILLO, TEXAS.

Please note: The Animal Control Board may take up items out of the order shown on the Agenda. They reserve the right to discuss all or part of any item in an executive session at any time during a meeting, as necessary and allowed by state law. Votes or final decisions are made only in open Regular or Special meetings, not in either a work session or executive session.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS

1. **Minutes**
Approval of the minutes of the Animal Control Board Meeting held on October 1, 2013.
2. **Texas Open Meeting Act Training**
The City Attorney's office will provide training on the current requirements for open meetings.
3. **Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**
Board members will elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve a one year term.
4. **Consider the Amarillo Control Board Meeting Schedule for 2014**
This item will present options for the frequency, date and time of Amarillo Control Board meetings most convenient for the public and Board members
5. **Presentation and Discussion from the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society**
Jena McFall, Executive Director, will present information regarding adoptions statistics, upcoming events, Public Service Announcements and future plans for the Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society
6. **Presentation and Consideration of Texas Penal Code Sec. 42.09 (Cruelty to Animals), Municipal Ordinance 8-2-1 (Definitions), and Municipal Ordinance Sec. 8-2-6 (Inhumane Treatment of Animals)**
Staff will present how the Animal Control Department utilizes city ordinances and State statutes to enforce and pursue prosecution of complaints of inhumane treatment of animals in Amarillo. The Board may consider recommendations which may include:
 - Additions to the definitions of Municipal Ordinance 8-2-1, including but not limited to "water," "shelter," and "owner/custodian";
 - Revisions to Municipal Ordinance 8-2-6, including, but not limited to the inhumane tethering of animals.
7. **Presentation and Consideration of Responsibilities of the Animal Control Department**
Staff will present information on the Department's duties, responsibilities, daily operations and the 2013 statistics of the Animal Control Department. The Board will discuss the Animal Control Department records keeping system, including, but not limited to, euthanasia, response times, dog bites, and calls for service.
8. **Public Forum**
Interested citizens may comments on matters pertaining to policies, programs or services of the Animal Control Department.

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