

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
 CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On April 19, 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	08	08
William Kearns	Yes	10	10
Dale Potter	Yes	10	09
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	05	05
Melanie Davidson	Yes	01	01

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, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Raymond Chavez	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Stacy Smith, DVM	Shelter Veterinarian, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jeffna Cox	Administrative Tech, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Robin Cupell	Asst. Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Chase Steinmetz	Employee, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Cheyenne Zimmer	Rescue Coordinator, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society

ITEM 1: Dale Potter 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, February 8, 2017 was made by Christopher Wrampelmeier, and second by William Kearns. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 2: Richard Havens, Director of AM&W, presented on the operation of Animal Management & Welfare. Stats comparison is from the month of February 2016 to the month of February 2017. All stats can be located on the AM&W website. February 2016 compared to February 2017: total intake was down 5%. Stray dogs were up 64%; stray cats down 17%; owner surrenders were down 74%; bite cases were up 3%; reclaims were down 2%; adoptions were down 33%; transfers to rescue were down 8%; 493 animals left through the efforts of the Humane Society; euthanasia was down 4%. TNR baseline is being established for year 2017 (17 cats). Adoptions showed decrease of 16% from the month of February 2016 compared to the month of February 2017.

March 2016 compared to March 2017: total intake was down 6%; stray dogs were up 8.5%; stray cats were down 7%; owner surrenders were down 36%; bites were up 10.5%; reclaims were down 35%; adoptions were down 25%; transferred to rescue were down 17%; TNR was 34 cats. Animals that left through the efforts of the Humane Society were up 14%; euthanasia numbers were up 13%. TNR was 34 cats. Tight budgets constraints have impacted hours of service to reduce amount of overtime being worked. April 3rd, Amarillo became the second city in Texas to outlaw bestiality (Lubbock is the other city). It is still a Class C misdemeanor. March 6th testified in Austin, Texas on House Bill 10-87 to support outlawing bestiality. On April 5th, 2017, HB 10-87 received the Senate support to turn it from misdemeanor to felony offense.

ITEM 3: Richard Havens discussed and reviewed the proposed ordinance changes to Chapter 8-2 of the Amarillo Municipal Code. The Rooster Ordinance will make it unlawful for a chicken flock to have more than 25% male birds (rooster). Flocks that consist of less than 1 bird may not have more than 1 rooster. Flocks that consist of less than 1 bird man not have more than 1 rooster. The flock size limitation shall not apply to a governmental entity or a non-profit organization. One hen and one rooster will be allowed.

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 City Council board.

ITEM 5: Proposed Trapping Ordinance Provisions. Definition of "set" was established.

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.
- Motion by Chris Wrampelmeier to pass the ordinance with a second by Dr. Kellie Dodson to pass.

ITEM 6: Dale Potter recommended for William Kearns to be appointed as the Chair for the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board. A motion was proposed by Dale Potter and was given a second motion by Chris Wrampelmeier. The motion passed 4:0

ITEM 7: Dale Potter discussed the appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Advisory Board. William Kearns recommended and proposed for Chris Wrampelmeier to serve as Vice Chair of Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board. A second motion by Dale Potter was proposed. Motion passed 4:0.

ITEM 8: Dale Potter discussed future agenda items. William Kearns requested copies of the Euthanasia policy to be discussed during the next work session. No future ordinance changes are in the works. No future agenda items were added.

ITEM 9: Public Forum

Jerri Coffee, 1600 Sherman Trail, 79124, requested review of the Euthanasia policy to be added to the next agenda. There was a situation where the rescue group was not contacted to reclaim their dog(s) and the dog(s) were almost euthanized. Dale Potter stated that as a board there is no control over changing policy within Animal Management & Welfare.

Carlin Cantrell, 8313 Barstow Drive, 79118, representing Lost Pets of Amarillo. She also wanted to discuss/review the Euthanasia Policy. She also wanted to know who she needs to talk with concerning who oversees the AM&W Euthanasia Policy. Who does she address her questions and concerns regarding policy? Ms. Cantrell exceeded her 3 minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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


William Kearns, Chair Person

ATTEST:



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