

Animal Control Commission Minutes

July 6, 2017 6:30 p.m.

**Commission Members Present:** Betsy Culp, Ernest Galos, Rebecca Kaiser, Barb Leavell, Lynn Losecco

**Citizen Members Present:**

**Council Members Present:** None

**City Staff Present:** Stacia, SBACC; Stephanie Steele, Assistant City Attorney; Randy Wilkerson, Code Enforcement, Dani Campbell, Commission Attorney

**Agenda:** Meeting called to Order at 6:37 p.m. Lynn Losecco welcomed as new commission member. Dani Campbell named official Commission attorney as Assistant City Attorney. Rebecca Kaiser moves to accept minutes for May and June, 2017. Dr. Culp seconds and passed unanimously. Ernest Galos indicates he has not yet prepared minutes for April, 2017 meeting. Stephanie Steele invites members to observe other boards and set agendas. Ms. Kaiser announces participation in 4-H Fair. She purchased trailer for shelter to transport items. Parade went well. She went to Humane Society Expo in Florida concentrating on grants. Grant available for surgical suite that she recommends pursuing. Ernest Galos asks if current veterinarian will staff surgical suite. Ms. Kaiser proposes seeking volunteer veterinarians. Proposes that new ordinance state no animal leaves shelter without being spayed or neutered. Indicates State law as of 2020 no shelter or rescue can release animal without spay or neutering.

Stacia indicates 299 animals came in last month up 59 from year before. Rescues up 121 vs 63, Owner surrender 37 vs. 22 in 2016. Euthanasia in 2016 was 86, this June, 75 animals. No reason for increase. Ms. Kaiser asks if possible that since breed specific legislation not in effect if increase due to backyard breeders. Stacia indicates not as many puppies, but many pitbulls. Ms. Losecco asks about dog fighting. Ms. Kaiser indicates dog fighting exists and is large network involving other crimes. Mentions reluctance of people to report it. Dr. Culp indicates cultural view that dogs are property in that world. Ernest Galos asked if they are finding dogs that have been involved. Mr. Wilkerson indicates they are not finding dead dogs in alleys. Dr. Culp asked if getting reports of fighting. Stacia indicates not many. She indicates people think more is going on in City than reality. She indicated there is more breeding. Ernest Galos asks if breeding sales occur through word of mouth. SBACC has officer assigned to breeding to review facebook pages, advertising to check for breeders. Ms. Leavell asks if USDA license necessary to breed dogs. Ms. Kaiser indicates it depends on number of breeding stock, not number of times animal pregnant. Ms. Kaiser wonders if people could be turned in to IRS.

**Stacia reports new employee started yesterday and now fully staffed. Ernest Galos asked if food donations still coming in from Eagle-Pak (Well-Pet). It is still happening just have to get it. Randy Wilkerson indicates money added to budget for that if shortfall. Rebecca Kaiser asks about any hearings. Stephanie Steele indicates she must speak with Jenn Gobel. She asked if notice process working well. Commission indicated yes, although ordinance requires a tight window. Randy Wilkerson indicates Parks and Venues inquired about doing Drool in the Pool on August 6, 2017 at Kennedy pool.**

**The next meeting date shall be August 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Kaiserp moved for adjournment, Ms. Leavell seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**