

APPROVED

ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2018

5:30 P.M.

The Animal Shelter Board met on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Barnett. Call of roll with members present were: Mike Barnett, Kim Birchfield, Sam Shipley, Sonja Culler, Kelly Collins, Buford Peters. Absent was Wes Frazier

Chairman Mike Barnett discussed issues regarding the trip to Wise County Va. On April 19th with Employee's, commissioners, and himself. Mike explained the shelter will be closed on April 19, 2018.

Chairman Barnett discussed the current shelter status as being well run, a good board, good policies and all is working very well.

Motion was made by Kelly Collins to accept the minutes and was second by Sam Shipley. All voted Aye, none opposed.

Director explained wrong dates was placed on the bids for the dog runs that was listed in the Elizabethton Star. Michael Kennedy is getting corrected dates to be posted in the Elizabethton Star.

Board discussed budget that was proposed to budget committee. Chairman Barnett stated he was pleased with the staff & Buford for working well within the means of the budget.

Chairman Barnett and director discussed the memorial garden that has been planned in honor of Diane Horton. They have hopes of garden being completed in May when the weather warms up.

Director stated it is now puppy and kitten season. She stated staff has been educating the public bringing animals to be dropped off at the shelter with these litters about spay and neuter programs.

Larry Kiser asked about the dogs we had in foster. Director explained we only have a mom and three puppies in foster at this time. Mr. Kiser asked about giving food from the shelter out to people. Director Posada explained that we are a government ran shelter and we do not give food or anything else out to

anyone. Mike advised there is a food pantry and explained to Mr. Kiser who to contact if food was needed. Mr. Kiser said he knew that there was more law suites to come due to missing animals and dog trafficking that had been going on for a long time. Mr. Kiser stated he knew there had been trafficking from shelter. Mike Barnett asked Mr. Kiser to bring him proof. Director explained all strays are held for seven days before they become available for adoption. She explained to Mr. Kiser the importance of communicating with shelter when an animal is lost or missing.

Next meeting was set for May 8, 2018

Mike made motion to adjourn meeting

Approved: _____