

Animal Shelter Board Minutes

13 August 2019

6:00 pm Mayors Conference Room

The Animal Shelter Board met on 13 August 2019 in the Mayors Conference room.

Chairman Mike Barnett called meeting to order. Chairman asked for call of roll. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Dr. Bob Acuff, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Mike Simerly and Wes Frazier. Members absent was Kim Birchfield.

Minutes was presented. Motion was made by Mike Simerly to accept minutes as presented and was second by Wes Frazier. All voted Aye. Sonja Culler abstained from the vote due to being absent for previous meeting.

Mike Barnett asked director to give updates for the shelter. Director Posada stated lately the shelter has been above capacity on cats and dogs. Director stated the shelter has received several from ACO, cruelties and abandonment cases lately. Director Posada stated that Sonja Culler had spoken with sheriff Lunceford about animals being brought in by Animal Control. Both Sonja Culler and sheriff Lunceford had agreed upon the terms ACO should be bringing animals to the shelter. Director Posada stated the county has many issues with pet owners not over seeing proper care for their animals. Wes Frazier stated he had recently visited the shelter and wanted to commend the staff on the cleanliness of the shelter and care of the animals. Mr. Frazier stated he wanted the staff to know how much he and the city appreciated all they do for the shelter.

Board members discussed the need for a project manager for the completion of projects at the shelter. Board members stated they did appreciate all that Chris Schuettler has done for the shelter. All projects that Mr. Schuettler had completed is working great and much appreciated. Dr. Acuff had stated at the previous meeting on 12 August 2019, that there was a motion made to fund the Animal Shelter \$3,000 for a project manager. Dr. Acuff explained to the board members the motion approved by budget committee for the \$3,000 would be voted on by full commission on 19 August 2019. Board members discussed the importance of having a knowledgeable project manager to over see the projects at the shelter. Chairman Barnett explained the projects that he and Schuettler had discussed to improve the well being of the animals and staff. Chairman Barnett stressed to the board members a few of the projects that need to be completed before winter. Some people in attendance had asked why Mr. Schuettler was no longer project manager. Dr. Acuff, Sonja Culler and Director Posada had explained how Chris Schuettler had became project manager and what had happened that he was no longer project manager. After a long discussion, Chairman Mike Barnett asked the board members "where do we go from here". Board members agreed to see if the budget committee's motion passed at the full commission meeting. Board members and attendees

had discussed some people who may be interested in being the project manager. Board members encouraged anyone who may be of interest to come by the shelter and they could be shown some of the projects that need to be completed. All was in agreement to remain positive and move forward until shelter projects are completed.

Chairman Barnett explained the plan to enclose the area under the newly placed roof. Chairman also said he had visited the shelter and the drain system needs to be fixed as soon as possible in the back area of the dog runs. Chairman also explained the need to weather proof the area around the dog runs before winter.

Director Posada stated that she hoped to have more cost saving programs in the works in the upcoming months.

Some in attendance discussed some issues they have with animal control. Board members advised it would be beneficial to have a workshop and discuss issues with the sheriff's presence pertaining to animal control. Director Posada stated she would speak with other counties who have ACO and gather detailed information to provide for the workshop. Board members agreed to revisit the animal control issues and discuss a workshop.

Next meeting was Scheduled for 10 September 2019.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Barnett and second by Wes Frazier.

Approved

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