

Animal Shelter Board Meeting Minutes

8 June 2021

6:00 pm in Courthouse Courtroom

The Animal Shelter Board met on 8 June 2021 @ 6 pm in the Courthouse court room.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked for roll call. Members present was Chairman Mike Barnett, Dr. Bob Acuff, Kelly Collins, Sonja Culler, Mayor Curt Alexander, Mike Simerly. Wes Frazier was absent for beginning of meeting and joined a few minutes later.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked everyone to review the minutes as presented. Dr. Bob Acuff made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Sonja Culler second the motion. All voted Aye, none opposed. All members present for vote.

Board members discussed budget committee meeting and why the operating budget was voted down. Director Posada and City Manager Daniel Estes explained the budget committee asked the Animal Shelter board to revisit accepting the Ford car from the highway department. Board members discussed the vehicle and if it would be sufficient for the needs of the shelter. Board members discussed the value of the Ford vs new vehicle. Board members discussed the dollar amount of \$1,000 to be paid to the highway department. Board members discussed with Director Posada and Daniel Estes rumor of the Animal Shelter Budget being reduced to the amount discussed when the 501C3 meeting of \$225,000. Daniel Estes and Director Posada stated the main concern from the budget meeting was removing the new vehicle from the original budget and consider purchasing the Ford car from the highway department. Board members agreed to pursue the purchase of the Ford from highway department and reducing the shelter budget by almost \$27,000 then adding \$1,000 for the purchase price of Ford. Sonja Culler made a motion to remove the purchase of the new vehicle from original presented budget and add \$1,000 for the purchase of the Ford from the highway department. Motion was second by Dr. Bob Acuff. Members who voted yes was Chairman Mike Barnett, Dr. Bob Acuff, Sonja Culler, Mayor Curt Alexander, Mike Simerly, and Wes Frazier. Kelly Collins voted No. Dr. Bob Acuff asked Kelly why she voted No. Kelly Collins responded that she doesn't agree with several other offices getting new vehicles when there was money available. Director Posada and /city manager Daniel Estes discussed the importance of the animal control monies listed in budget. Director Posada explained the current position of the ACO and the need for a part-time position. Director Posada stated Darren Lacey is being called at all times of the day and night. Director Posada elaborated on some of the calls Darren Lacey has received and responded too. Board members discussed the ACO part-time position and all agreed the position is a necessary position. Daniel Estes suggested that he could take the remaining difference of the ACO part-time position back to city council for approval.

Chairman Mike Barnett discussed the issue remaining with grinder pump. After much discussion a motion was made to have attorneys Josh Hardin and Roger Day write a letter to Reedy & Sykes and Trade-Mark to get the grinder pump and leak of the kennels fixed. Motion was made by Kelly Collins and second by Sonja Culler to have the attorneys send a letter to both parties involved to get the

existing problems with the grinder pump and leak corrected in a timely manner. All members voted Aye. Mayor Curt Alexander was absent from vote.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked for an update on the social media policy. Dr. Bob Acuff gave the update on the social media policy for county web pages.

Chairman Mike Barnett asked if anyone had an update on the feasibility study being done. Board members discussed and explained the study could take several weeks to months to complete with results.

Director Posada gave some shelter updates. Director Posada stated the Boy Scout Troop from Kingsport came on 1 May 2021 to head a landscaping project. Friends of the Shelter donated perennials and mulch for the project. There was perennials also donated by our community for the project as well. Director Posada stated the Boy Scout Troop also built cat trees and donated Kuranda dog beds for each kennel. Director Posada stated there was a very successful adoption event following the landscaping project on 1 May 2021 as well. Director Posada gave some shelter numbers for May 2021 and current numbers at the shelter. Director Posada stated for the month of May 2021:

Cat intakes 103 plus 26 kittens and moms returned from fosters and 47 more kittens and moms sent to foster

Dog Intakes 38 and 6 returned to owners

Cat adoptions 57 Dog adoptions 47

Current numbers

Cats 96 plus 47 kittens and moms in foster for total of 143

Dogs 48 [7 dogs on a cruelty hold]

ACO 53 calls for the month of May

Director Posada stated the shelter is continuing with the Feral/community cat program to help decrease population in the community. Director Posada stated the shelter is continuing with adoption events at the shelter as well as at Petsence in Elizabethton, TN.

Next meeting scheduled 13 July 2021

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

Approved
By: _____



