

Cleveland Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2016

Opening:

The meeting of the Cleveland Animal Shelter Advisory Board was called to order at 1:11 PM on October 5, 2016 in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building by Dr. Sally Poston.

Present:

Dr. Sally Poston; Jill Barrett; Dr. James Lane

Absent:

George Poe; Stephen Kinder

A. Approval of Minutes

Dr. James Lane motioned to approve the minutes as written. Jill Barrett seconded. All approved.

B. Director's Report

- 1) Dr. Poston stated that Director Gene Smith had mentioned that the issue about pigs being allowed in the City had gone to the City Council. Director Smith said that no swine were still allowed in the City limits and it will stay the way it is. Dr. Poston asked what board it went to and Director Smith said the City Council. Board member Jill Barrett asked how they voted and Director Smith said they just left it as it was. Ms. Barrett asked if they voted to do anything at all and Director Smith said that the day he attended the meeting they did not, but he does not go to all the meetings. He also stated that so far there had been no more complaints about her so he was not sure if she had moved or gotten rid of them. He thought the Council was kind of thinking of the City officers who would have to take the calls when Animal Control was not on duty and they would not have time to deal with swine all over the City. Dr. Poston said that the monitoring of it would be the challenge.
- 2) New Officer Macy White has completed her euthanasia training.
- 3) Animal Control is in the process of hiring another Officer to replace Roy Womack who will be retiring in November. Interviews have been concluded and the top two candidates have been picked and a decision will probably be made in the next week or so. Dr. Poston asked if euthanasia training was a requirement now. Director Smith said that it was and that they are also usually sent to NACA training just to get them trained on reports, bite stick and other things like that beyond what they are trained at Animal Control. He is holding off on sending Officer White until the new officer is hired so they could both be sent at the same time to try to save some money for the City.
- 4) Mr. Clukey had adopted an animal at Animal Control and he was assigned the vet of his choice, Dr. Oscar Wilson. He was informed by Animal Control Clerk Jennifer that he could pick his own vet, which is the policy Animal Control has and that he would be charged more by Dr. Wilson. The City would pay \$40 extra on top of the \$50 adoption fee paid by Mr. Clukey. Mr. Clukey has brought up some points in the contract that it does say the City would pay for his animal getting fixed, but it is not in there that the City will only pay up to \$90. Mr. Clukey wants the City to pay for his animal having everything done to it. A new Addendum to the Animal Contract was distributed and discussed. City Manager Joe Fivas said City Attorney John Kimball has looked at the Animal Control Adoption Contract and that there have been some changes over the last several years that could be problematic and some modification could probably be helpful. So, one of the things that has been proposed to the Board is to let the City Attorney work with Director Smith and Animal Control Clerk Jennifer to come up with and bring back to the Board a modified contract and just make it very clear and explicit for the veterinarians and the public. He also said the City Attorney wants to put some more legal language in there just to make sure that the City is covered from liability. Dr. Poston asked when that would be available. City Manager Fivas said that the City would want the Board's blessing to go forward and if they were comfortable with that it would be worked on right away. Director Smith said he could take it around to the vets when it is ready to go. Dr. Poston said that she would take it to the vets at their meeting the last Tuesday of the month.

Also, the Gladden Estate donation fund is almost depleted, so it is unclear how long the City will be able to continue paying the additional \$40 that is being paid to the vets. Dr. Poston said that this needed to be discussed anyway then. She said she would need Director Smith to get her the current contract, the proposed contract and suggestions on what will happen when the money is gone because the contract will be revised again at that point if what has happened in the past happens again. Dr. Lane made a motion to accept the Addendum as written until Director Smith approaches the Board again. Dr. Poston seconded the motion and it was approved.

C. Old Business

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1) Animal Control Clerk Jennifer stated that she was told that recommendations were needed to replace City Councilman George Poe on the Board. Director Smith asked if it needed to be a City Council member and Beverly Lindsey said that it did not. Dr. Poston said she wasn't sure how people were found. Clerk Jennifer Rogers said they have to be a City resident, but she thought that was the only criteria. Director Smith said if anyone knew anyone, they can make recommendations to the Mayor.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM by Dr. Sally Poston. The next general meeting will be at 1:00 PM on January 4, 2017 in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Rogers