

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2019

**MEMBERS**

James Schultz  
Rebecca Warren  
Tom Rea  
Sarah Nickel

**STAFF**

Jacqueline Moore  
Virgil Sauder

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tom Rea moved to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes as written. Sarah Nickel seconded. Motion passes 4-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- i. No new business.

**REPORTS**

- i. Animal Care and Control Report

Virgil sent out the statistics to the commission and explained that this year is similar to past years. Kitten season has begun. Had a 25% increase in intake over the course of a few weeks due to litters of kittens. Adopt-A-Cat month promotion has begun to help with the increase in intake. Adoption fees reduced to \$40 for under 5 years of age, \$20 for ages 5-10, and waiving fees for over 10. Shelter will be participating in the national “Clear the Shelters” event in August.

Rebecca inquired about need for more staff with the new building. Virgil stated that the offsets on intake and decrease in health issues have off-set the expansion, but the increase in dogs and some cats with behavior issues has increased the need for extra staff.

- ii. MCHA Update

Rebecca explained that they are about a month from breaking ground on the new facility. Received a new bequest to fund phase two of the new construction. Biggest need right now is need for space for surgery. Clinic staff are finding it difficult to schedule needed surgeries at other clinics. New education employee has been hired and to start within the next few weeks. Run for the Animals event, on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is in the planning stages. Tails on the Town fundraising event raised about \$60,000.

- iii. AMC Update

Virgil reported that the AMC had a lengthy discussion on what should constitute a Habitual Offender and when these issues should be brought to the commission. The commission declared

two individuals Habitual Offenders due to livestock continually being at large due to inadequate fencing.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

### **i. Recommended Title 7 updates to Mayor (Minus Pet store changes)**

Virgil reviewed the changes to Title 7 discussed at previous meetings. These include housekeeping changes, temperature definitions for outside dogs, increase of the out-of-county surrender fees, stud service, combination of duplicate penalties, and the changes to potentially dangerous ordinances. Introduced two added additions to dangerous pet ordinance that were not previously discussed in commission meetings: (1) adding microchip requirement to “potentially dangerous, level one” and (2) adding to the “Dangerous” definition an animal, when unprovoked, causes severe injury or death to a domestic pet or livestock.

Rebecca affirmed adding a microchip requirement to the Potentially Dangerous, Level One. Tom agreed. Sarah moved to add this requirement to the changes to recommend to the Mayor, Tom seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

Commission discussed concerns about declaring a dog dangerous due to an attack on domestic livestock. This type of behavior is too difficult to distinguish from “normal” canine behavior. Discussed situations where the distinctions between provoked vs unprovoked attacks would assist in declarations. Sarah moved to add to the changes to recommend to the Mayor, under the dangerous definition “an animal, when unprovoked, causes severe injury or death to a domestic pet.” Rebecca seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

Rebecca moved to recommend the changes to title 7 as presented, including the potentially dangerous and microchip requirement. Tom seconded. James expressed his preference to combine these recommendations with the “Pet Store” recommendations into one document and vote on them as a combined packet. Rebecca stated that the reason to pull them apart was to keep a potentially controversial ordinance change separate from items that have a broader support. Movement passed 4-0-0.

### **ii. Pet Store Ordinance Discussion**

Virgil introduced two potential ordinance updates for the pet store ordinance changes. Both include the language “Not sell, adopt, or transfer a dogs and/or cats, unless they are sourced through either a municipal animal shelter or animal rescue organization.” The differences in the two are: (1) One merges “Major” and “Minor Pet Stores,” and (2) one deletes the specific requirements for “Major Pet Shop” under 7.16.045. Committee discussed the importance of these requirements for health and welfare of the pets in our community. Discussed that the ordinance may be lacking these requirements for other rescue groups in our communities. This may be something that needs to be discussed for further changes to Title 7. The committee requested adapting version “A” since it continues to include the consumer protection requirements outlined in 7.16.045 and to include the modification listed in “B” of only one “pet shop” definition. Rebecca stated that though she does not want to hold up the discussion, but she would prefer that there were more committee members present.

James made a motion to move forward with the recommendation to the Mayor. Tom Seconded. Motion failed 2-2-0.

Sarah moved to table the discussion and vote until the next meeting to allow the remaining members on the committee to discuss and vote. Rebecca seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

Virgil will prepare a clean copy with the pet store ordinance changes discussed for a vote at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.