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ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2020 5:30 p.m. – White Pine County Library Conference Room – 950 Campton Street – Ely, Nevada.

1. Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray called the regular meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board at order at 5:32 p.m., led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members Present:

- Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray
- Member Tracey Greenwell
- Member Tandy Haslem
- Member Ramona Maestes

City Officials and staff present:

- Councilman Ed Spear
- Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
- City Animal Control Officer Andrew Hayes
- City Clerk Jennifer Lee

Members of the Public Present:

Animal Control Bd. **ATTENDANCE LIST**

DATE: 11-9-20

Print name below _____

Jose Noriega

Kathlyn Townsend

Amy Noriega

Print name below _____

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jose Noriega stated he is a resident of White Pine County and lives in Cross Timbers. He stated there is a problem with the Animal Control Officer. Mr. Noriega stated twelve years ago he moved to Cross Timbers and had a problem with coyotes, as they were attacking cats on people's porches and he raises goats and was concerned for their safety. Mr. Noriega and his wife acquired a Great Pyrenees about a year or two after moving there. He reports the Great Pyrenees are agricultural dogs that are very effective in protecting animals such as sheep and goats. However, she is very good at getting over fences when she sees coyotes. The Animal Control Officer has been harassing them and currently has citations out to Mr. Noriega's wife. He currently has Citations for over \$1,000 for no licensing and dog at large. Mr. Noriega believes the Animal Control Officer is not aware that there are exemptions for agricultural use options; the Great Pyrenees was acquired for agricultural use. He has to go to court on December 4th to get citations dismissed and asked that the Animal Control Officer leave them alone. Mr. Noriega stated it is not appropriate what the Animal Control Officer has done in the citations that he has issued. The first citation issued to them was the dog being on the edge of the County road where his property line goes through the center of the County road. Mr. Noriega stated that he pays taxes on his five acres. He stated he does have an easement for the County road but does not have one for dogs. He stated if he does not own that property to the center of the road he is going to go to the County and ask for a refund for the twelve years that he has paid taxes on it. Mr. Noriega stated the Animal Control Officer issued a citation for his dog on his property. Mr. Noriega stated the Animal Control Officer issued a citation driving into work on his personal time when he saw a large white dog; he assumed and called my wife and stated that he needed to issue a citation and it was unclear by both parties if the dog was indeed Mr. Noriega's. Mr. Noriega stated he has talked to the Sheriff's office regarding if a deputy was driving to work in his personal vehicle how that would be enforceable.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

1. Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action-Review and possible approval of Animal Control Facility volunteer applicants: Judi Bourbeau and Michele Gerlach.

City Clerk Lee reported that she reviewed both applicants and had no concerns.

Member Greenwell moved to accept and approve the volunteer applicants of Judy Bourbeau and Michele Gerlach. Member Maestes seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray – Discussion Only – Update on Maddie's Pet Project TNR/Adoptability grants' remaining balances.

City Clerk Lee reported in the packet is the latest update on billing. City Clerk Lee stated if Dr. Eldridge continues to do as many cats as she has been doing, the TNR money will be gone in the next couple of months. In September there were 35 cats spayed/neutered. The adoptability funds are holding steady, but I will contact Maddie's to see if there will be another round of grants.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated the number of cats being spayed and neutered is making a big difference as he does not have near as many at the shelter as he once did. City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated that there have been less complaints about cat colonies than when he first started; he used to get calls every other day regarding cats and the complaints on cats have gone down to maybe

one a week. City Animal control Officer Hayes estimated that there are 1,000 feral cats in Ely and a good amount of them have been spayed or neutered.

3. Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray – Discussion Only – Coordinating a discounted rabies clinic for pet owners

Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray stated Maddie's grant program may have money available for free or low-cost rabies for lower income residents in White Pine County. If a grant can be obtained, it would be possible to do an outdoor event this summer, so people can get their animals vaccinated and all three vets could be utilized if they agree. There could be a requirement for income level of those asking for these services through this grant.

Member Greenwell stated Robin does the Indian Colony every year and it is well attended.

Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray reported a lot of dogs are not vaccinated for rabies due to the expense and many residents are not able to afford it.

Animal Control Officer Hayes stated he is all for the rabies vaccination event if it does not add additional work on him.

Member Haslem stated we should hand out spay/neuter vouchers during the vaccination event.

Animal Control Officer Hayes reported it is \$80 to fix dogs and \$30 to fix cats. If vouchers were issued, it would have to be accepted by all vets in town.

Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray mentioned that Clinton Henriod is a new vet, is mobile and mainly sees big animals, but his wife focuses on small animals.

Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray recommended that the event could be held in the Ely times parking lot.

Animal Control Officer Hayes stated that there must be plenty of parking so people can get out and to the event safely and have the animals secured.

Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray recommended Broadbent Park for the event and a transportation event for those that are unable to get there. When the event is established, advertising could be done through the radio stations and other outlets.

4. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of 2-12-20 Minutes.

Member Greenwell moved to accept and approve the 2-12-20 Minutes. Member Haslem seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Members – Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of 3-11-20 Minutes

Member Greenwell moved to accept and approve the 3-11-20 Minutes. Member Maestes seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Reports

• **MEMBERS**

Member Greenwell commented that there was nothing further to report except the concern of people letting their dogs run loose. There are habitual residents with dogs at large and law enforcement is contacted when available.

• **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Animal Control Officer Hayes stated since the parvo outbreak, there has not been any cases since and he bleaches everything regularly in the facility as prevention. Animal Control Officer Hayes stated he continues to work on troubled calls such as animal cruelty, which has increased. There have been more incidents of dog bites. Six dogs and three cats were transported to Pahrump by Desert Haven Animal Society. Animal Control Officer Hayes stated he would like to get the City's law to align with the County's quarantine law; if he does not have to quarantine at his facility, it would free up space for other needs. Quarantine fee is \$25 a day at the expense of the owner if the dog is properly vaccinated and licensed and Andrew can inspect. There are currently 5 dogs and 3 cats at the facility. Animal Control Officer Hayes referred to his report in regards to how busy the facility is, and citations are increasing.

CITY CLERK

City Clerk Lee stated the annual report for the Maddie's Grant is due the end of this week. Andrew has been great at getting pictures to add from the adoption event and of adoptive owners to add to the report.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT: THIS MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.

Member Maestes moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Member Greenwell seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.


BOARD CHAIR


ATTEST