



CITY OF ELY

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ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2018 5:30 p.m. – Ely City Hall - 501 Mill Street - Ely, Nevada.

1. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray called the special meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board to order at **5:34 p.m.**, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

- Chairwoman KayLynn Roberts-McMurray
- Member Robin Eldridge
- Member Tandy Haslem
- Member Ramona Maestes

City Staff present:

- City Attorney Charles Odgers
- City Animal Control Officer Andrew Hayes
- Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Lee

Also in attendance: Members of the public signed in (appears below).

Animal Control Board **ATTENDANCE LIST**

DATE: 11-7-18

<u>Print name below</u>	<u>Print name below</u>
<u>HARRY FRANK</u>	
<u>TERRI BOGART</u>	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

1. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray – City Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to establish a Trap-Neuter-Release program for feral cats and a feral cat colony at the City of Ely former animal control facility.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated it will be done chunks at a time with available grants. We may be able to get people from Vegas to assist. We can collect donations specifically for Trap/Neuter/Release. It won't be a budget issue for the City.

Member Eldridge asked are you going to be testing for leukemia?

Animal Control Officer Hayes stated we may not have the funds.

Member Eldridge stated it's hard to spend the money on a cat that's leukemia positive, but they're spreading the virus.

Terri Borghuff asked how many cats are you considering keeping at the Corrals?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated ideally, I want none at the Corrals, except for the ones that are there. I think the maximum is ten to fifteen in a colony.

Terri Borghoff stated we're probably over that now. I have a Corral space. I've also worked for a large humane society with Trap/Neuter/Release, which did fifteen cats on a daily basis, so I'm well aware of how that works. Creating a cat colony is not easy and I'm not thrilled about the idea of one being kept out there, considering my kids go out there and my horses are out there.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated maybe we should just do TNR for now and put the cat colony on the side.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated yes.

Terri Borghoff stated feral cats are notoriously aggressive. Is there a behavioral standpoint where you're like 'this cat is excessively aggressive', that maybe they don't make it back out into the regular world?

City Attorney Odgers stated before any animal is put down, Andrew and I have a discussion. It's not Andrew's choice; it's mine.

Member Haslem moved to recommend the establishment of a Trap-Neuter-Release program for feral cats. Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray – City Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval for City Animal Control Officer Hayes to accept donated cat traps on behalf of the City of Ely from the Community Cat Coalition of Clark County in Las Vegas, where he will attend a one-day Trap-Neuter-Return/Cat Colony Management clinic in November.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray asked do you think the Council would approve taking one of the trucks?

Member Eldridge moved to recommend for City Animal Control Officer Hayes to accept donated cat traps on behalf of the City of Ely, using a City truck. Member Maestes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Board Members – City Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to establish a volunteer program for the City of Ely’s Animal Control facility.

City Attorney Odgers stated I don’t have enough time to do all these different projects. I agree we need to work on a volunteer program, but let’s do Trap-Neuter-Release first.

Member Maestes moved to table this item. Member Haslem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Members – City Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval for the City of Ely Animal Control facility to participate in Maddie’s Pet Adoption Days, a two day adoption event for Nevada-based animal groups, November 16-17, 2018; all adoption fees must be waived and \$300.00 will be given to City of Ely Animal Control for every adoption of a dog/cat, to offset adoption costs and other Animal Control needs.

Member Haslem moved to recommend participation by the City of Ely Animal Control facility in Maddie’s Pet Adoption Days November 16-17, 2018. Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Members – City Attorney Odgers – Discussion Only – Review of City of Ely dog licensing requirements in connection with City Code 5-3B-5 (F) Term of License, the 9-27-18 City Council recommendation to increase the licensing fee of unaltered dogs to \$100.00 annually and a possible exemption for unaltered working dogs from the higher licensing fee.

City Attorney Odgers stated I have several working dogs to help with our cattle and keep them un-altered to keep them aggressive. Most farmers and ranchers will have unaltered animals for that reason.

Member Eldridge asked is this a problem in the City?

City Attorney Odgers stated County code requires that it follow the City’s.

Member Eldridge stated you could have a ranch license.

Terri Borghoff stated when we had dogs at large, if they were unaltered, they had an extra \$50.00 tacked onto the At Large fee.

Member Eldridge asked do we do that now?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated we don’t.

Member Eldridge the biggest problem is the ones that are out.

6. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray – City Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Selection and prioritization of Animal Control grant(s) for Board Members to apply for.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated I want you guys to start applying for grants. We've already done the Ruth mine. Jim Bath is willing to give us some funding, but he doesn't want to do it unless other businesses are involved.

Member Eldridge asked have you approached *Ridley's* about points?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated Chris Ann is using that.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated Andrew reached out to *KGHM*, but I know that *Kinross* is really good about giving right now and the old *Dura Gold*. I don't know if one of you wants to reach out to them.

Member Eldridge stated it needs to be a formal letter.

City Attorney Odgers stated it would end up coming from the City Council. We need to figure out what the goal is, how much we're going to need, how much you're going to need on an annualized basis, how much it's going to cost to neuter or spay.

Member Haslem asked who is going to be doing the spaying/neutering?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated Dr. Sanders or Dr. Eldridge.

Member Eldridge stated with Brenda on these cats that came in traps, I did them at my cost, \$50.00.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated we need to table this until we can put something in writing.

Member Maestes moved to table this item. Member Haslem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval September 12, 2018 Minutes.

Member Eldridge moved to approve the September 12, 2018 Minutes. Member Haslem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Member Maestes abstaining due to her absence.

4. REPORTS

- CHAIRMAN

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated I reached out to the guy that Andrew is going to do the TNR training with. I spoke with the executive director of the Humane Society about cat colonies and he stated mentioned they might come here in January or February to do a spay/neuter clinic.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated he asked me about getting a medical room set up. I believe he has a mobile unit too, but it's likely to happen more often if we have our own room.

Member Eldridge stated they could use my place, just bring their own drugs.

Member Haslem stated I used to be a licensed tech. I'd be willing to re-instate if anybody on the board thinks it might be beneficial.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated that would be good.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated *Chewy.com* donates food.

Member Haslem asked is it public knowledge to know how much is in that fund?

City Attorney Odgers stated everything that we have is open to the public. We have none left over from last year, so there should be like \$50.00 in there because I make them pay \$25.00 instead of paying the \$125.00 fine.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated I got a \$20.00 donation and a \$10.00 donation.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray asked what is your budget?

City Attorney Odgers stated about \$2,500.00 a year. We bought two cats cages with the donation money last fiscal year.

- **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated I euthanized one dog; the owner told me he was being aggressive and I could not allow it to be adopted knowing that.

City Attorney Odgers stated it bit a child.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Harry Franke stated *Chewy.com* donated to me a few months ago. Robin brought up before the meeting wild cats being returned to a neighborhood. When I moved into the area in 2005, we had two large colonies in the neighborhood; between trapping/neutering/releasing and adopting them, the numbers wound down. Educating the public might be something you want to look at. If someone is complaining in the neighborhood, you could have a handout on the positive results of Trap-Neuter-Release.

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

Member Maestes moved to adjourn the special meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board at **6:51 p.m.** Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST