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ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 12, 2018 5:30 p.m. – Ely City Hall - 501 Mill Street - Ely, Nevada.

1. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray called the regular meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board to order at **5:38 p.m.**, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

Chairwoman Kaylynn Roberts-Mc-Murray
Member Robin Eldridge, DVM
Member Tandy Haslem

Members absent:

Member Tracey Greenwell
Member Ramona Maestes

City Staff present:

City Animal Control Officer Andrew Hayes
Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Lee

Also in attendance: Harry Franke

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

1. Chairwoman McMurray – Discussion Only – Presentation by Harry Franke on his efforts to care for feral cats and suggestions on ways to improve the local feral cat situation.

Harry Franke reviewed his stray cat map appearing below and stated I've been running a mini sanctuary for the last thirteen years in this town. I have a positive feeling with this committee, with your background, that you're going to make things happen. I estimate over thirteen years \$16,000.00 out of pocket on food and \$2,000.00 for veterinary costs. It's unbelievable how many cats Brenda at *The Zoo* prevented from being born; I would trap and Brenda set up the veterinary appointments. I'm not going to put up with animals starving and dying.



Member Eldridge stated I get a lot of requests for wild cats for ranches.

Harry Franke stated I would like to see a permitting process for what we do. Spay/neuter/release works. Barn cats should be a last resort; the cats don't stay or the coyotes pick them off. If there's some way of connecting with the public to ask them to call Animal Control, so we can have the cats spayed/neutered and released. It is a health problem and the public should pay, whether it's grant money or taxes.

Member Haslem asked are you having them ear tipped too?

Harry Franke stated yes

Member Haslem asked tested for feline leukemia?

Member Eldridge stated if they have feline leukemia, my recommendation is euthanasia because it's not fair to release them into the population and it's highly communicable. I ship barn cats out to Spring Valley and they put out food for them, which goes down.

2. Board Members – Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation on Animal Control's top goals and priorities.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes reviewed his prioritized Animal Control Goals list appearing below.

PRIORITIZED
Animal Control Goals

1. **Start a Feral Cat Program.** I would like grants to be procured to fund a feral cat program to ease and ultimately stop the flow of massive amounts of cats that come into my facility.
3. **Revamp Animal Control website.** I would like the Animal Control website to be able to collect donations, give valuable and much needed information to the public and post events. Getting information out to people about taking care of their pets is the main goal. (Adoptapet.com)
5. **Renovate Animal Control.** I would like grants for capital improvement to be procured through grants or donations. I realize this will be an ongoing process and I also realize my facility is 20 years behind other standard facilities. (ie. No quarantine area, euthanasia room, fence dogs can climb, no permanent cover for outside kennels)
2. **Volunteer Program.** I would like a program put in place to assist me in animal control. The less I have to be in the facility the more I can go out and check on animals. If I can not have volunteers to help directly with the animals I would like them to help in other aspects. (ie. Man the office, clean empty kennels, make transport or supply runs). I would like research done on how much liability insurance cost for each volunteer and if its even feasible for a program.
4. **Programing.** I would like for most of my intake and standard paperwork to be on the computer with a program that will be easy to access compared to the fishing through paperwork method I use now. This will require lots of time putting old information in but will make it much better when looking up records. I also would like a laptop for mobile purposes but not necessary at the time.
6. **Deter Programs.** I will be assisting people coming in to surrender animals in many ways in an effort of keeping said animals out of my facility. Depending on donations and what the people need I will determine if they can keep the animal permanently or temporary and assist them into adopting the animal out without the unnecessary use of my facility. (better for the animal and workload)
(Ongoing)

Member Eldridge asked do you get people that the dog is sick or dying and they can't afford to go to the vet, so they turn it into you?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated yes. If they let their dog out and say 'I'm not going to come get it', then I tell them 'I'm going to cite you for Animal Abandonment, your dog being At Large, and your dog being Unlicensed; 'do you want those or do you want to pick your dog up and take care of it?'

Member Eldridge asked is there more of a fine for a dog that's intact running around than for a spayed/neutered dog running around?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated no, the fines are all the same.

Member Eldridge state the shelter software is better; they don't sell it to you. You could approach them if they would give you a break; the one I looked at was \$70.00 a month. The animals need to be micro-chipped before they leave the facility. When I got you guys that scanner, I just had gone to the conference. I didn't need a new scanner, but she said 'if you'll sign up for this many microchips, we'll donate that scanner'. That's a \$700.00 scanner. I got a new scanner and you got a free scanner. So you can work deals with these distributers if you give them a little bit and they like stuff to write off too.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated a software program is very important to me because I have several papers on every single animal since January.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated that's what volunteers would be great for.

Member Eldridge stated that would have no liability, really, if they're not around the animals.

Member Haslem moved to accept City Animal Control Officer Hayes' prioritized Animal Control Goals. Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Member Eldridge – Discussion/For Possible Action – Presentation of revenue generating policies for Animal Control, with recommendation to implement any or all of those policies.

Member Eldridge stated in California we printed out a rabies report, handed it over to Animal Control and they would start sending notices out to people that didn't have a license. Since we are required to license our animals, there's no real way to enforce that unless they're picked up. There's all these dogs that aren't licensed that never go out, but they're still supposed to be licensed. Chuck had said our ordinances don't allow for that, but I don't know why those can't be changed. The rabies report has that person's name and address; they never considered it a confidentiality thing. I lived in a rural area. Also, if you had an un-neutered or un-spayed animal, your license was \$100.00 and if your animal was spayed or neutered, it was \$10.00. If an un-neutered or un-spayed animal was out, the fine was way more than if the animal was spayed or neutered.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated I'm for that. I think it should be the price of how much it costs to spay or neuter your dog more, so it would be cheaper for them to spay/neuter their dog.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes asked does City Hall send out notices for dog licenses?

Deputy City Clerk Lee stated I don't know that we do.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated hence, the volunteer program could help with some of that.

Member Haslem moved to recommend sending out reminders when dog licenses expire. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray moved to recommend requiring local veterinarians to provide the City of Ely a monthly list of owners who have had their dog(s) vaccinated for rabies. Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Eldridge moved to recommend a differentiation in licensing cost between altered and unaltered animals. Unaltered animals would cost \$100.00 more to license unless the owner has a Breeders license. Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Members – Animal Control Officer Hayes – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation for Animal Control Officer Hayes to attend Saving Nevada's Pets conference October 25-26, 2018 in Reno, Nevada as Humane Network's guest; Humane Network will cover travel expenses and hotel.

Member Eldridge stated that's a wonderful opportunity.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated Maddies Project sponsored me to go to Kansas City; I learned a lot and this is why we have a Board. This will help me with my deter program and all sorts of stuff.

Member Haslem stated touring the different shelters will give you so much opportunity.

City Animal Control Hayes stated with the grant money I have gotten, I have gotten two new cat cages; that's from touring other shelters and finding out what works for them. These two cages work perfectly for me. Every time I go out, I get a lot more experience. I recommend that you allow this.

Member Eldridge stated do they give you ideas for who to contact for donations, grants, etc.?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated yes. I have some contacts now and I want to give you guys the binder with grant ideas from Kansas City, so you can start writing grants.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray asked are there different Rescues there?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated yes. There's also a ton of animal control facilities there.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated grab info from other rescues, so if we get full there are other resources.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray moved to recommend that City Animal Control Officer Hayes attend the Saving Nevada's Pets Conference October 25-26, 2018 in Reno, Nevada as Humane Network's guest. Member Haslem seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairwoman McMurray – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to reactivate the City of Ely Pet Costume event, with possible payment of awards to be a joint effort of public funding and private donations, including advertising the event and setting the awards to benefit the City of Ely Animal Control facility.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray stated the Lions Club met today and that's where they had the contest before; they have concerns because 4-H will be there this year. I move to table this item until we have additional information.

Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval August 8, 2018 Minutes.

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray moved to approve the August 8, 2018 Minutes. Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Member Haslem abstaining due to her absence at the August 8, 2018 meeting.

4. REPORTS

- **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated I euthanized a one to two week old kitten with a broken leg.

Member Haslem asked do you have the certification?

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated yes, but not the facility, so Dr. Sanders does it or Dr. Holt.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Harry Franke stated with low cost spay/neuter, I identify three groups of people; the responsible ones, ones who don't know where to go and ones lacking intelligence, so put it in their terms: it only costs six packs of cigarettes to get your animal fixed. Two families I approached about spaying/neutering their cats thought it wasn't a problem because their cats were males. People passing through don't care.

City Animal Control Officer Hayes stated there's someone in McGill poisoning animals. Report it if you see something strange.

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

Chairwoman Roberts-McMurray moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board at **7:00 p.m.** Member Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST