

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Animal Control Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015 6:00 pm
Animal Control, 2408 Davis Road

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 6:01 PM
2. Commissioner Roll Call – Scott Chesney, Ronnie Rosenberg, Jamie Marschner, Becky Fuller and Gail Gardner
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved but due to time constraints, modifications to the order were made as listed below.
4. Approval of Minutes – Approved with date correction. (M – Rosenberg, 2nd Fuller)
5. Shelter Report – Besser discussed:
 - a. Besser has been working on the court case on the horses its moving forward, there was an evidentiary hearing today.
 - b. Staffing- Kayla Tricky (previously a causal) accepted the position as the front desk clerk. New ACO Keith Clark starts the last week in February and previous Animal Tender Debbie French-Hanson will be returning as an Animal Tender Assistant.
 - c. FY16 Budget update- Besser is currently working on the budget narratives and statistical accomplishments.
6. Old Business (partial)
 - a. FY 16 Budget – Besser said that the budget has been submitted and is waiting on a response from the Mayor.
 - b. Livestock Barn – Rosenberg stated that the Mayor has been busy and she has not has the opportunity to speak with him, and that she has had calls from people wanting to help. Besser stated that any construction will need to go through Public Works. Rosenberg added that the Shelter Fund can pay for a majority of it.
7. New Agenda Items
 - a. Election of Officers- Rosenberg nominated Gail Gardner as Chair and Fuller nominated Scott Chesney as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and vote was unanimous.
 - b. Adoption of Unaltered Animals – Rosenberg stated that she was approached by Assembly Member Dodge about wanting to change code so people could adopt now and spay/neuter later. Besser noted problems with accountability for a voucher system. She stated that it would take more time and expense to chase people down to verify

surgeries than it does to deliver animals. There was general consensus that the commission would not support such a change.

8. Old Business (continuation)

- c. Work session for drafting a resolution on licenses – Besser presented information showing that virtually every other communities in the state licenses animals. She recommended that the Chair speak with the Borough Attorney about crafting language for resolution. Fuller stated that a three year license was concurrent with the rabies and that 1, 2 & 3 year licenses allow the flexibility to follow the same timing. She was against the idea of a litter license or for licensing animals other than dogs and cats. Rosenberg suggested licensing ferrets. Besser stated that they would be virtually impossible to track. Rosenberg felt the program needed to be simple and user friendly. Besser suggested focusing on what licensing will accomplish. Commissioners discussed costs for multiple animals, different sized kennels and higher fees for intact animals. They also discussed offering a discount for micro-chipping at the time of licensing. Commissioners agreed to continue discussion at their next meeting.

9. Commissioner Comments – None

10. Announcements – None

11. Citizen's Comments – No Citizens were present.

12. Set date for next Commission meeting – March 2, 2015, 6:00 PM, Animal Shelter

13. Adjournment – 6:46 PM