

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Animal Control Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015 6:00 pm
Animal Control, 2408 Davis Road

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 6:00 PM
2. Commissioner Roll Call – Becky Fuller, Scott Chesney, Jamie Marschner, Ronnie Rosenberg and Gail Gardner
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved (M - Chesney, 2nd - Rosenberg)
4. Citizen's Comments – A citizen was present to observe, no comments made
5. Approval of Minutes – Approved (M – Marschner, 2nd Chesney)
6. Shelter Report – Besser discussed:
 - a. Staffing update – Interviews for ACO, Admissions Clerk and Perm-Term Animal Tender positions have been completed. Recommendations will go to HR this week.
 - b. Children's visits are picking up and there will be many between now through the end of the school year.
 - c. Met with the Mayor about the livestock barn. He is considering putting 50,000 towards the construction of a barn or to contractual services to be used for the boarding out of animals. He will get back to us with an answer.
 - d. Gave overview of the current FY15 Budget. No new increases are expected for FY 16. Except for what commonly increase such as; wages, overtime, janitorial & contracts and the possibility of the funds for the livestock barn. Rosenberg stated that a good part of the barn could be covered by the Shelter Fund.
7. Old Business
 - a. FY 16 Budget – Besser said that the budget was due by January 23rd and the Mayor will give his recommendations before April. Rosenberg said that the Assembly will be holding budget work sessions on April 11th and the 18th that are open to the public.
 - b. Livestock Barn – Besser said that in speaking with the shelter vet she was told that some animals should not utilize the same stalls so we were looking at 3 stalls for horses and 1 for chickens/fowl, keeping pigs in a separate outdoor housing with fencing. Rosenberg wants to continue with the fund raising for the barn. Besser suggested that she could contact the Mayor directly with her comments.
8. New Agenda Items

- a. Licenses – Could be revenue generating if the budget is cut. Besser states that she is in favor of it. It would help with knowing how many animals are in the borough and where they are in case an emergency response is needed. Members discussed writing a resolution regarding licensing. Besser stated that current software has the ability to add licensing, additional costs will be looked into. Besser offered to do some research on licensing around the state. It was agreed that a resolution work session would be held at the next meeting and everyone will bring a draft.
 - b. Adoption of Senior Animals – Rosenberg stated that a number of both dogs & cats over the age of 10 have been tuned up and adopted out with the help of the Shelter Fund. Besser stated that it is important to keep the Shelter Fund and Shelter identified separately when it comes to questions on how Borough funds are spent. Rosenberg would like to come up with more ideas to help the seniors.
9. Commissioner Comments – Rosenberg gave an update on Shelter Fund and its activities. They finished up the year with good balances. Many rabbits have been spayed & neutered.
10. Announcements – Election of Officers at the next meeting.
11. Set date for next Commission meeting – February 2, 2015, 6:00 PM, Animal Shelter
12. Adjournment – 7:04 PM