

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Animal Control Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 2nd, 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, Susan Parsons and Gail Gardner
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved
4. Citizen’s Comments – No Citizens were present.
5. Approval of Minutes – (M – Rosenberg, 2nd Chesney)
6. Shelter Report – Besser discussed:
 - a. Staffing- New ACO Keith Clark started training this week.
 - b. Iditarod will be in town next week. ACO’s will have a presence in the crowd, handling loose dogs & handing out leashes. The shelter is prepared if animals need to be dropped off.
 - c. FY16 Budget update- Besser said that the Mayor asked everyone to cut 5% from their budgets. She has recommended that the after hour’s program be removed; most are not actual emergencies and the shelter can function without it. The livestock barn was included in the narratives for long term concerns, that the lack of both adequate paddock space & shelter for horses, pigs and other livestock is a concern to the shelter. Objectives for 2016 are to work with the Shelter Fund to fundraise & construct a livestock barn.
7. Old Business
 - a. FY 16 Budget – Was covered in the Shelter Report & discussed by the commission.
 - b. Livestock Barn – Rosenberg stated that the Mayor has been busy and she has not has not spoken with him. Also that there are grants available that she may apply for when we get the Mayors approval.
 - c. Work session for drafting a resolution on licenses – Commissioners discussed the fees and what the benefits are to the public. That it is similar to a user fees for providing a service and that it will only affect those that have animals, and that even the smallest communities in Alaska have licensing. They will wait until after budget time to make their recommendations to the Mayor.
 - d. Adoption of Unaltered Animals – This issue was dropped by Assembly member Dodge.

8. New Agenda Items - None
9. Commissioner Comments – Gardner presented new Commissioner Susan Parsons. Parsons said that she is the President of the Tanana Valley Kennel Club, has been involved with Pet Pride and previously worked on the commission in the early 80's. She is looking forward to be working on it again. Rosenberg gave an update on the Shelter Fund. The Pick-Click-Give totals are very good and the Fred Meyer community rewards are also doing very well.
10. Announcements – None
11. Set date for next Commission meeting – April 6, 2015, 6:00 PM, Animal Shelter
12. Adjournment – 7:01 PM