



**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Shelter Report presented by Sandy Hill – The officers are completely moved into their new location at the emergencies operations building. There are ongoing improvements of use of space at the shelter. The beginning stages of redesigning the backyard have taken place. They are looking into hiring a casual admissions clerk. The sled dog yard was filled to capacity the week prior, with 16 sled dogs, from various kennels and of various ages. Second chance league is aiding in the placement of the dogs. Mush for kids is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. Disaster response training will take place on July 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sandy planned to attend the community emergency response teams meeting in Two Rivers on 3/21/19.

a. Chameleon web demonstration  
Officer Ross and Bailey gave a demonstration on the new web Chameleon program that is being utilized in the field by officers.

2. Sled dog housing committee report

a. Proposal to proceed with portable shelter  
**Commissioner Fortune** handed out the final draft letter of the proposed warm animal shelter.

Motion to approve the final draft proposal letter made by **Commissioner Thornton** and seconded by **Commissioner Gardner**.

Discussion on the motion ensued between commissioners.

**ROLL CALL**

Seven (7) in Favor: **Rosenberg, Fortune, Thornton, Olson, Marschner, Gardner, Chesney**

Zero (0) Opposed:

**MOTION PASSED**

3. Regulation of sale of exotic animals

Discussion took place on educating the public about the required care of exotic animals and the necessary supplies needed to care for them, and the extra steps to take to prevent impulse purchases of exotic animals by unprepared or unaware buyers. Commissioners are all in favor of further looking into this issue.

4. Budget

The budget will be released in April.

5. Legislative bills or activity of interest  
No current legislative action on domestic animals. May 4<sup>th</sup> is International respect for chicken day.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion with Mayor Bryce Ward  
Mayor Ward reported; the bond proposal before the voters from last fall was not approved. Part of his take away from the bond package, was the voters wanted to understand what the plan was. The animal shelter was a component of the bond package, it was not the only thing on the package.

- a. ACC future directions  
Mayor Ward suggested to the Commission to use the administration as an advisor and tool to help with future directions the Commission wishes to take.

There was a discussion on the concept of dog and cat licensing. It was noted staff is available for resources.

- b. Facility replacement options  
There was an explanation of the current 10 year capital improvement plan and process. The animal shelter is high on the list. Based on the future results of the capital improvement plan, addressing the public, public response, and scoring process, the best case scenario would be about three years before the facility would be replaced. There are repairs that need to be done in order to be able to meet the current needs of the shelter. The long-term plan will be replacement of the shelter.

**G. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES                      April 15**

The absences of **Commissioner Olson**, and **Commissioner Marschner** are excused.

**H. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner's Comments

**Commissioner Olson**, asked if the intake and adoption numbers for "other" animals were high. Sandy replied, the number was presented by mice, and is an unusually high number in general. It is not uncommon to see mice come into the shelter, and each individual body is counted. **Commissioner Olson**, asked if the

intake and rehoming data is generally available from other municipalities, and how does the shelter compare with other communities. This could potentially help make the case in passing a bond proposition if the shelter can show this is what the shelter is accomplishing on limited resources. Sandy said she will research this.

**Commissioner Thornton**, stated, deceased exotic animals are weighed, rather than counted individually, and asked how many pounds of exotics are disposed of every year at the shelter. Sandy will look to see if this information is available. **Commissioner Thornton**, asked if the next shipment that came in could be weighed, it may be helpful for the discussion and future direction of the sales and purchases of exotic animals.

**Commissioner Rosenberg**, stated, it is round up at the register for the animal shelter fund at the food co-op during the month of March. Pick. Click. Give. is going until the 31<sup>st</sup> for filing your dividend, you can continue to add until August. The walk for charity is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Clean up day is around the same time, a date has not been announced. They will be cleaning up the highway around Fred Meyer West. Fund raising efforts continue. **Commissioner Rosenberg** is thankful for the endowment. This summer is the first time they can withdraw from it if needed. The shelter had a few bequests. There has been a lot of complex animals, a lot of orthopedic surgeries, and the usual dentals, for the shelter fund.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m

