

The West Branch Animal Control Commission met on April 11, 2017 at 6:34 pm.

Members present were Ashley Olson, Amy Lynch, Red Provine, Leesa Johnson, and Alan Beyer. Sgt. Hanna was present. Also present were Blake Shultice and several members of the 4th Grade class along with parents.

Minutes from the February and March meetings were approved as read.

Old Business:

Blake Shultice and members of the 4th Grade Class presented a draft copy of an Urban Chicken Ordinance, borrowed from the Cedar Rapids ordinance. The six page ordinance raised several questions which they proposed to the commission. These included identifying the permitting officer, determining fees, clarification of zoning ordinances, number of chickens allowed, whether selling eggs at a farmer's market would be permitted, how complaints are handled, manure handling and dead chicken disposal. It was decided to have the WBACC talk to the zoning commission and city attorney for input on the questions. A tentative complete ordinance would be sent back to the class for their input. Voting on the ordinance for presentation to the city council would take place at our next meeting.

Dog Park cleanup will be at 8:00 a.m on Sunday April 23rd. Red offered to bring mulch, Ashley the zip ties, and Alan will get stain for the sign. Amy moved that we purchase tether ball equipment for dogs as was presented by Sherry. Red seconded. Motion carried.

There was no other old business.

New Business:

Police Report: There were no dog bites reported.

It was decided to participate in the Hometown Hoover Days parade, as we have in the past.

There was no further new business.

Next meeting will be May 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.