

The West Branch Animal Control Commission met on February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Ashley Olsen, Amy Kessler, Red Provine, Alan Beyer, and Leesa Johnson. Also present were Sgt. Hanna and City Administrator Redmond Jones.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

New Business:

- A. Discussion on stray animal drop off policy at West Branch Animal Clinic.

Mr. Jones reported that the city has reached an agreement with the new proprietors at this time. The approval process at the City Council raised questions of the drop off process, concerned that the open process to the public may become a problem. The discussion was as to whether the Police Department was needed to be included for the drop off of stray animals at the clinic vs. the drop off by the public. Concerns of abuse were raised and a registry system suggested. The main issue at this time is stray cats. Dogs generally have an owner. The city currently pays for testing cats and 3 days of boarding which is long enough to know if they can be safely returned to an owner or adopted. Microchips were discussed, with cost being the main deterrent to this. Dr. Samuelson is going to do more research and get back to Mr. Jones. Sgt. Hanna discussed the Police Department side weighing costs of the issue including overtime. The general way that the department does business now is for the person that finds/traps the animal to handle the drop off after calling the police. After hours are handled by the Police Department discretion. There is a register at the clinic for all dropped off animals to monitor abuse. It is suggested to the council that the system has been tinkered with over time and status quo is that people need to contact police before bringing an animal in to the clinic.

- B. Police report: No new bites reported. Coyotes were mentioned. Not a concern at this time.
- C. Anonymous Donation: There was an anonymous donation given to the pet council. The gift needs to be received prior to the first of the year to be credited. The council may not get the check. Alan will let us know.

Old Business:

- A. Review Animal Control Ordinances
No Concerns and No Dog Park Concerns.
- B. Next meeting talk about Dog Park Cleanup.

Next meeting will be March 13, 2018.6:57

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.