

Animal Control Commission
February 8, 2022

Dr. Beyers called the Animal Control Commission meeting to order at 6:32pm on February 8th, 2022.

Dr. Beyers called roll call: present-Amy, Ashley, Dr. Beyers.
Absent Leesa.

Minutes from last meeting were read. Amy moved to approve, Ashley seconded. Motion carried.

Annual report was read. Amy moved to approve, Ashley second. Motion carried.

Election:

Chair Person: Amy nominated Dr. Beyers, Ashley second, motion carried.

Vice Chair Person: Ashley nominated Amy, Al second, motion carried.

Secretary: Ashley nominated Leesa, Amy second. Al suggested we all just take turns. All agreed, motion carried.

Vacant Committee Seat: possible suggestions. Amy and Al said they would contact people to fill seat.

Animal control ordinance: Jenny Becker a local resident was present to discuss possible changes to the ordinances. Jenny wanted to bring it to our attention that because of the way the ordinance on was written that their neighbors dog was classified as a 3 instead of a 4. She told the committee about an incident where her son was attacked by the neighbors dog. Her father in law had the children outside. They ran ahead of them. Out of nowhere this dog started chasing her daughter. The grandfather and son grabbed the dog and took it back to its fenced in yard. The pushed through the son and attacked him. Biting and ripping through his cost causing injury.

Al asked why the dog was classified as a 3 and not a 4?

Jenny stated that Chief Hanna classified the dog as a three because he said the ordinance was vague. Jenny stated that this same dog killed the other neighbor's little dog. That neighbor did not want to turn it in.

Jenny stated that the ordinance needed clarification on what constitutes a serious injury. She also stated her concerns with the

fencing requirements. She suggested that the enclosure for a level 3 dog should have a floor and a roof.

Amy suggested changing ordinance to have more clarification on what a serious injury was.

Al suggested speaking with Chief Hanna and the city attorney.

Jenny feels without these changes she has three choices:

1. They have to fence their back yard to feel safe
2. They need to press charges
3. They need to move

Al thanked Jenny for bringing this to our attention.

Police Report: no officer was present however Al discussed another dog bite. Chief Hanna classified that dog as a level 3 also.

Dog Park: Al discussed expanding the dog park.he was going to contact the county to see where they stand on the other half of the land by the dog park. He will contact Mike Dauber.

Renaming the dog park: Al said there was a family that wanted to rename the dog park.Amy stated that several people had contacted her about this subject. She stated that other people had donated a lot of money to the park. Melissa suggested doing a bench with a plaque in memory of. She said she could put it in the parks budget.their was also discussion of a fund raiser of putting plaques in shelters when someone donates money.

County Animal Shelter: nothing new to discuss.

Any other new business: Adam Kofoed, city administrator spoke concerning expanding the dog park and the strain it would put on Melissa. He wanted us to keep that in mind.Al discussed that the dog park is an asset to the community.

Al said the next meeting is March 8,2022. Amy moved to adjourn, Ashley second, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm