

# City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers, 110 N Poplar St.

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Amy Lynch, Ashley Wildman, Nate Bartz, Adam Kofoed (City Administrator), John Hanna (Police Chief)

Absent: None

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 6:30 PM – West Branch Dog Park (weather permitting)

### 1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

### 2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

### 3. Announcements

- Nate Bartz fills vacant Animal Control Commission seat.
- Next meeting will be held at the Dog Park for cleanup (weather permitting).

### 4. Discussion

- Approve Meeting Minutes from the March 8, 2022 Animal Control Commission Meeting
  - Leesa moved to approve; Amy seconded. Motion carried.
- Animal Control Ordinance changes – Dr. Beyer
  - Amy presented document on levels of bites.
  - Other ordinances and suggestions were reviewed.
  - Leesa expressed concerns around creating too rigid of “level 4” definition.
  - Minor verbiage changes were made to proposed wording updates.
  - Committee agreed with desire to investigate potentially establishing more consequences associated with non-compliance of “level 3” animals, rather than an update to the definition of “level 4”. This could potentially include increased consequences for non-compliance, including fines and moving towards classifying animal as “level 4”.
  - Concerns were also expressed around currently categorized animals and whether any changes would be retroactive.
  - Discussion tabled.
- Dog Park Annexation/Pipeline Concerns – Adam Kofoed
  - Updates on annexation and pipeline concerns were presented.

- City will want to “fence” current pipeline markers, but park can be built around.
- City can proceed with park expansion.
- Current and future Memorial requests were discussed. Discussed a need to look at current policy and have something in place to ensure uniformity.
- Developing a park plan/design will be discussed at next meeting (while on-site).
- Adjourn Meeting
  - Dr. Beyer moved to adjourn; Amy/Ashley seconded. Motion carried.