

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Amy Lynch (Vice-Chair), Leesa Johnson, and Nate Bartz (Secretary)

Absent: Ashley Wildman

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- New Animal Control Ordinance is in the process of being re-codified. Committee members requested hard copies of the Animal Control Ordinances once process has been completed.

4. Discussion

- Amy moved to approve Meeting Minutes from May 9th. Leesa seconded. Motion carried.
- Dr. Beyer brought up question regarding a dog in a neighboring town that had a bite history. Owner plans on moving with dog to another town. Discussion around if West Branch would have concerns if dog with bite history in West Branch proposed moving out of town. No conclusion drawn, but noted that current ordinances do not address this so there would likely be no objections to owner removing dog from city.

Old Business:

- Dog Park Improvements
 - Tether Ball has been given to Matt Condon (Parks) to relocate to Dog Park.
- Dog Fair (fundraiser for Dog Park Expansion Project) Update (to be held Sept 2nd):
 - Nate gave update – Have submitted all paperwork to city and federal stakeholders. We are still reaching out to vendors, as well as working on organizing the Dog Jog. Nothing needed at this time. There will be a booth at Hoover Hometown Days.

New Business:

- Police Report:
 - No Police Department representation present (no news to report).

- Nate brought up Dog Park Permit / Dog License brochure – Good resource, but could use some updating/alignment with website to help new residents. Dr. Beyer will look for document and share with committee for updates. It was noted that these brochures are added to “new resident” package. Will also utilize this when checking permits at dog park in the future.

5. Call to Adjourn Meeting

- Amy moved to adjourn; Leesa seconded. Motion carried.