

# City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Nate Bartz (Secretary), Officer Brad Longett (WB Police), and Jessica Brown (City of WB)

Absent: Amy Lynch (Vice-Chair) and Ashley Wildman

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

**1. Call to Order** – Dr. Beyer

**2. Roll Call** – Dr. Beyer

**3. Announcements**

- None

**4. Discussion**

Old Business:

- Leesa made a motion to approve agenda. Nate seconded. Motion passes.
- Dog Park Registration – Is there a need for an increase in cost? Surrounding communities that offer this are similar in price. Don't see a need to increase at this time.
- Pet Licensing – Jessica reiterated low compliance, whether there is a current usefulness to law enforcement, inaccuracies, and difficulty to maintain. We discussed the purpose of pet licensing as a way to enforce rabies and other vaccines, is this lost if we no longer require a license?

Leesa had asked if we can update the city ordinance to require proof of rabies vaccine rather than requiring a license? Unsure of the answer, will need to review with city attorney. Is there a way to otherwise validate that all dogs in the city are receiving rabies vaccine as needed? Are there other federal, state, county requirements that cover this?

There was additional discussion around reminders for dog licences (these would typically be sent out by now), but the committee will postpone this discussion until it is determined what to do with pet licensing.

New Business:

- Animal Control Officers – Leesa nominated Dr. Al Beyer as President. Nate seconded. Motion passes. Leesa nominated Amy Lynch as Vice President. Nate seconded. Motion passes. Dr. Beyer nominated Nate Bartz as Secretary. Leesa seconded. Motion passes.
- Police Report:

- Officer Brad Longett reported that there had not been any new incidents to report.

**5. Call to Adjourn Meeting**

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