

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Dr. Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Amy Lynch (Vice-Chair), Leesa Johnson, Ashley Wildman, Nate Bartz (Secretary), Jessica Brown (City of WB), and Officer Ryan Dorsey (WB Police)

Absent: N/A

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- No West Branch Dog Fair this year, organizers hope to hold a 2026 Dog Fair.

4. Discussion

Old Business:

- Discussed Pet Registration numbers being down this year. Dog Park Permits are also down. Some of this is due to reminders not being sent out, but the cost to send out reminders outweighs the benefit in a handful of additional permits/licenses. Discussed adding a lock to dog park gates, but this is cost-prohibitive. Discussed whether city is liable if unvaccinated/unlicensed/unpermitted dogs cause injury (while at-large or at the dog park). Based on the current processes and ordinances in place, city is not liable.
- Pet Licensing – Dr Beyer made a motion to rescind the Pet Licensing requirement from Animal Protection and Control Ordinance 55.22. Amy seconded. All commission members voted in the affirmative, motion carried. No additional discussion. Jessica will get this on the Agenda for City Council's approval.

New Business:

- Police Report:
 - Officer Ryan Dorsey reported that there had not been any new incidents to report.

5. Call to Adjourn Meeting

- Dr Beyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy seconds. Motion carried.