

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes August 25, 2010

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee of the City of Bedford met at 7:00 p.m. in the Training Room of the Bedford Police Department, 2121 L. Don Dodson Drive, on the 25th day of August, 2010 with the following members present:

Barbara Richardson	Board Members
Rebecca Epps	
Mark Bellinghausen	Animal Control Supervisor
Les Hawkins	Deputy Chief

Constituting a quorum.

(The following items were considered in accordance with the official agenda posted on the 25th day of August 2010.)

CALL TO ORDER

Mark Bellinghausen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A typo on the agenda showed minutes for the Beautification Commission but should have read Animal Shelter Advisory Committee minutes. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE April 24, 2009 ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD MINUTES.

Barbara Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2009 board meeting as presented.

Rebecca Epps seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved. No opposition was recorded.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION CONCERNING SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHERS

Mark Bellinghausen opened the discussion with three possible options.

1. Raise the value of the voucher to assist with the higher cost of spay and neuter.

2. Take the animal to the vet and have it spayed or neutered before adoption.
3. Start providing surgeries at our shelter.

The quorum discussed each option in detail including discussing offers by a local vet to do the surgeries at the shelter if all the equipment is provided.

Rebecca Epps raised the concern that unadopted pets would suffer extra stress if kept at the kennel after surgery. She also spoke of the expense of providing the equipment and the high cost of machines.

Barbara Richardson leaned more towards doing the surgeries at the shelter whether done by this vet or by TCAP who has all the equipment and would spend the time to educate the pet owner.

Mark Bellinghausen suggested we do more research of our options and come up with a viable plan then come back and talk about it. Deputy Chief Hawkins agreed.

REMINDER THE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 31, 2010

Mark Bellinghausen advised the renewal applications for the board are due by Oct. 31, 2010 and can be found on the website.

REMINDER THAT MEMBERS SHOULD TAKE ONLINE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING IF NOT ALREADY DONE

Mark Bellinghausen advised that the members must complete this training online if they have not already and it should be done as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT LIAISON FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

Mark Bellinghausen announced that Deputy Chief Hawkins was the new Police Department Liaison for Animal Control and Deputy Chief Roger Gibson had rescinded the position.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY

Mark Bellinghausen announced that in accordance with Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety code, it is required that a person be named to hold the position of Local Rabies Control Authority; from this point forward the sitting Animal Control Supervisor would be the Local Rabies Control Authority so at this time, Mark Bellinghausen holds this title.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW ANIMAL CONTROL TRUCK

Mark Bellinghausen announced the purchase of a new Animal Control truck. A 2010 Chevy truck was purchased that replaced one of the S-10's. The truck was purchased and

rigged out entirely out of donations. The total cost of the truck and accessories was \$22,697.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING VACANCY ON ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD FOR BEDFORD CITIZEN

Mark Bellinghausen advised there is an open position for a Bedford Citizen on the Animal Shelter Advisory Board and any citizen may apply to hold this position. He asked the board to help get the word out for applicants.

ADJOURNMENT – ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD

Deputy Chief Hawkins motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barbara Richardson seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.