

Animal Shelter Advisory Board Minutes September 2, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

CITY OF BEDFORD

The Animal Shelter Advisory Board of the City of Bedford, Texas met in a regular session at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 2nd.day of September 2020 with the following members present

Ruth Culver	City Council Liaison
Bobby LaPenna	Police Captain (Staff Liaison)
Mark Bellinghausen	Animal Control Supervisor
Dr. Susan Read	Chairperson
Karen Killian	Board Member
Michelle Watson	Board Member

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

- 1. Consider approval of the following Animal Shelter Advisory Board Minutes:**
 - a) Regular meeting: November 13, 2019**

Board Chairperson Dr. Susan Read called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Board Chairperson Dr. Susan Read advised the first order of business was to review the minutes from the last meeting, no changes were recommended. Karen Killian made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Michelle Watson seconded the motion.

- 2. Welcome new city council liaison Ruth Culver and new board member Capt. Bobby LaPenna**

Dr. Susan Read introduced herself to council woman Ruth Culver and welcomed Bobby LaPenna.

Karen Killian welcomed Ruth Culver to the board.

- 3. Report on shelter statistical data.**

Dr. Read advised the stats looked straight forward. Karen Killian asked if we were still down an officer Mark Bellinghausen advised yes we are. Dr. Read asked if anyone is concerned with the drop in city licenses issued. Mark Bellinghausen stated the drop is due to COVID. Karen Killian said the numbers are awesome. Karen Killian thanked the staff for their work and concluded with nice job. Ruth Culver asked for an explanation of what animals are city licensed. Mark Bellinghausen stated dogs and cats. Ruth Culver asked what is the difference between live release rate and adoptable live release rate. Mark Bellinghausen said that the overall domestic live release rate is all domestics including feral cats, cats and dogs with temperament issues. The adoptable live release is just the animals that are deemed adoptable. Ruth Culver asked what happens to the animals that are not adoptable. Mark Bellinghausen

stated that cats with temperament issues or that are feral, are transferred to feral cat organizations outside the city of Bedford. Ruth Culver asked is there is a list of people to contact for feral cats. Mark Bellinghausen advised there are several groups we work with for feral cats and several rescues for dogs.

4. New Business

Dr. Read confirmed the next meeting will be on October 14th, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Chairperson Dr. Susan Read adjourned the meeting.


Chair Dr. Susan Read

10-15-20
Date Approved