

Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee

November 10, 2005

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held a special meeting on November 10, 2005 in the boardroom of Community Development.

The Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan, called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Leah Heron, Alvin O'Dell and Thaddeus Iwuji. Also present were Lesli Andrews, Jeff Armstrong and Christy Frost.

The minutes of the August 4, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

Alvin O'Dell opened the subject of the meeting by reviewing a proposed ordinance change in the wording of Chapter 6, Sec. 6-30. The proposed change and current ordinance were presented as Exhibit A. (attached). The change was presented to the City Council for a final reading on Thursday, November 3, 2005. At the council meeting there was some discussion and questioning of the definition of residence in reference to duplexes, triplexes and quadraplexes. The Council decided to table the matter for further research.

Mr. O'Dell presented to the meeting research on several apartment complexes that showed most rental property in Abilene has more stringent policies than the one proposed. This would cover the questions posed at the Council meeting. Mr. O'Dell also presented information on the limits of animal in other cities of similar populations of Abilene. These cities also had a limit of four (4) animals per residence.

There was some discussion on whether to add additional changes which included making it a violation to feed feral dogs and/or cats and making the owner of a property equally responsible as the occupant for violations. The members felt these matters would be better addressed at another time.

Dr. Callan asked for a motion to resubmit the change as originally worded to the City Council with a memo of the research included. Ms. Heron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Iwuji, voted and approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Jack K. Callan, Chairman
Christy Frost, Recording Secretary

Date minutes approved: 11-15-05
