

Animal Services Advisory Board

April 10, 2008

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on April 10, 2008 at the Planning and Development conference room.

The Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan, called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Alvin O'Dell, Megan Santee and Tom Rigsby. Also present were Melissa O'Neill, representative from Taylor-Jones Humane Society and Christy Frost, recording secretary.

The minutes of the December 15, 2007 meeting were presented as approved by presiding chairman, Alvin O'Dell. There were no additions or corrections suggested.

The Manager's report was the first item on the agenda. Alvin presented a comparison of 2007 and 2008 year to date report on the number of animals handled at the shelter. He noted that "Dangerous Dog" designations were down, no rabies cases have been confirmed since August, 2007 and barking dog issues are still a concern.

Letters to all Abilene veterinarians were sent in February asking for confirmation of their willingness to assist in cruelty investigations and examinations. To date there have been two vets that have responded.

The contract for veterinarian services for quarantine animals has expired and is up for bids. Bid packets have been sent to Abilene veterinarians and will be opened and approved at a later date. Dr. Callan suggested amending the contract to include provisions for substitute veterinarians in the event of the contracted veterinarian requiring time off.

Expansions and renovations at the shelter are being slowed due to the engineering firm being tied up with the Big Spring plant explosion. There has been some progress made.

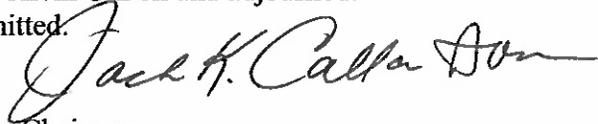
A new truck and van have been submitted for bids and will hopefully be received in the near future.

One new ACO has been hired. He and Samantha Freeman attended Basic Animal Control Officer school this week. The shelter is currently at full staff. Officer Sanchez who was injured in October, 2007 will hopefully be released to full duty next week.

The 2008/2009 budget process will begin April 21. There are no major purchases planned for the next fiscal year. Dr. Callan suggest creating a brochure advertising the cremation services provided. He felt this could possibly increase revenue.

With all items on the agenda discussed, Tom Rigsby made the motion to adjourn at 4:04 p.m., seconded by Alvin O'Dell and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.



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

Date minutes approved: 4-14-08