

Abilene Animal Services Advisory Committee

December 12, 2008

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held a regular meeting, December 12, 2008 in the EOC.

The Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan, called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Alvin O'Dell, Leah Herron and Megan Santee. Also present Priscilla Templeton, Teresa James, Donna Callan and Christy Frost, recording secretary.

The minutes of the August 7, 2008, meeting were presented. After being reviewed, Ms. Herron made the motion to approve as written, seconded by O'Dell and approved by acclimation. A copy will be sent to Tom Rigsby for reference.

Alvin O'Dell reported in the Manager's Report current statistics compared to November, 2007 stats. He also presented a news report from Missouri regarding a man bitten by a bat and his resulting death from rabies due to not receiving treatment until symptoms had appeared.

Officers Sanchez and Sharp are the most recent employees to be certified to perform euthanasia. Currently, there is only one employee who performs this duty that is not certified as required. There is a possibility Abilene will host a class for the surrounding area in the near future.

Renovation and maintenance plans were discussed. Alvin showed the original plans for renovation and additions to the shelter. He explained that the outdoor overflow pens originally proposed have been deleted and 20 plus additional indoor pens have been added in that place. Maintenance projects including new doors, painting, ceiling tile and foundation repair will be priority projects. When those projects are complete or close to completion, the additional kennel space will be the next major project.

Two new vehicles have replaced trap van and one of the transport truck with new cage body. This makes all vehicles replaced within two years except the car.

The annual Christmas Sale is in progress with the City reducing all adoption fees by \$20. Rescue the Animals is offering a \$20 rebate and the Taylor-Jones Humane Society will offer \$20 off during the third week of December. Thirty-nine dogs and eight cats have been adopted since the sale began on Dec. 1.

Plans are being made to revise the current Animal and Fowl ordinance. Copies of the current ordinance were handed out so that members could become familiar with the ordinances and make suggestions for additions and changes they think could be made. Ms. Templeton said a citizen committee may be formed to assist with this project.

Capital Improvement funds for the shelter kennel additions will be submitted in 2009. Funds already appropriated for the office addition and other projects will be held until put up for bids.

Once again a shelter attendant position has been open. A new employee has been selected and could start Dec. 23. Alvin announced that March 2, 2009 will be his last day as Animal Services manager. Ms. Templeton reported she hoped to have someone hired for this position at least 1 month before Alvin leaves.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 P.M. with the motion made by Alvin, seconded by Leah and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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

Date minutes approved: 12/15/08