

Abilene Animal Services Advisory Board

April 23, 2009

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Committee held a regular meeting, April 23, 2009 in the Basement Conference of City Hall.

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

Members present were Leah Herron, Dr. Callan, Stan Smith, Aaron Vannoy, and Megan Santee. Also in attendance was Christy Frost, recording secretary.

The minutes of the December 12, 2008 meeting were presented. After being reviewed, Ms. Herron made the motion to approve as written and approved by acclamation. A copy will be sent to Tom Rigsby for reference.

Aaron Vannoy presented the monthly report showing increases in calls for service and Dangerous Dog cases, decrease in bites and animals reclaimed by the owner, euthanasia numbers were stable; these were in comparison to March 2008.

Aaron presented changes and proposed new programs he has planned for Animal Services. A new team concept for Animal Services employees was described and explained by Aaron. Each employee is assigned to one or two of the following: Cruelty Team, Dangerous Dog Team, Quality Control Team, Adoption Team, Uniform Standard Team or Staff Development team. Each team will study each program and make suggestions for improvements and changes they feel need to be made. Community classes will be created and offered to Abilene citizens.

Shelter improvements and construction are still being approved and contracts will hopefully be completed in the near future.

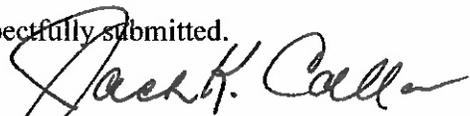
A new volunteer program using the Abilene Zoo's blueprint is currently under consideration. After training it is the goal for volunteers to present classes throughout the city and well as helping at the shelter.

The 2010 budget is currently being work on. Revenue and Payroll projection have been submitted. It is expected expenses will kept to a minimum. Aaron is currently looking into applying for some grants to supplement budget allowances.

Aaron passed the floor to Megan Santee who presented the current status of ordinance update. Ms. Santee explained she had examined our "sister" city ordinances, but had decided to use Dallas' recently updated and approved ordinance as a template. There have been two meetings with Ms. Santee and Animal Services staff on revisions. The board will be presented a copy for their suggestions when the revisions by the staff have been completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.



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

Date minutes approved: 4-30-09 