

Abilene Animal Services Advisory Board

August 27, 2009

The Abilene Animal Control Advisory Board held a regular meeting, August 27, 2009 in the Finance Conference room 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 were Andrea Jackson, City Attorney and Christy Frost, recording secretary. Mr. Edwin McGee, citizen, arrived at approximately 3:55 P.M.

The minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting were presented. After being reviewed, Ms. Herron made the motion to approve as written and approved by acclimation.

Aaron Vannoy presented the monthly report showing only slight increases and decreases in comparison to August 2008. Animals returned to the owner one of areas of a significant larger number over last year, along with the number of citations issued.

Shelter improvements have begun with completion of the installation of four of the eighteen doors to be replaced. The bid package for renovations and additions for Phase 1 has been completed and is being reviewed with the hopes of the bidding being completed and construction soon underway after the beginning of 2010.

Aaron reported that response to the new Volunteer Program has been enthusiastic with eighteen people applying on August 18, 2009 and twenty people on August 20, 2009. Dr. Callan inquired of the ages of the respondents and Aaron said there was a broad spectrum from high school age to retired school teachers.

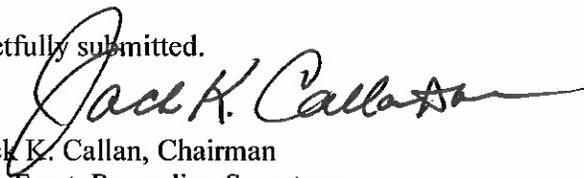
Proposed contracts for Foster Homes have been completed and approved. Aaron said the fostering program will probably start with dogs or cats with litters that are not old enough to be adopted. He plans to begin the program this fall when the need is not as urgent so that the program can be controlled at a slower pace.

Proposed new ordinances are in the process of being written that will toughen restrictions and requirements for Dangerous Dogs and repeat offenders; require micro-chipping of adopted animals at the shelter; clarify definitions and require sterilization of animals under certain circumstances.

Mr. McGee, a resident of Abilene, entered the meeting just as Aaron was completing the summation of the proposed new ordinances. Mr. McGee stated he felt greater restrictions should be imposed on fencing requirements for "aggressive" breed dogs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.



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

Date minutes approved: