

Abilene Animal Services Advisory Board

December 16, 2010

The Abilene Animal Services Advisory Board held its third meeting of the year on December 16, 2010 in the basement conference room of City Hall.

The Chairman, Dr. Jack Callan, called the meeting to order at 3:37 P.M.

Members present were Dr. Jack Callan, Aaron Vannoy, and Leah Herron. Also present were Stanley Smith and Christy Frost, recording secretary... Megan Santee arrived at 3:45 P.M. and Tom Rigsby entered at 3:52 P.M.

The minutes of the August 26, 2010 meeting were presented. After review by the members Dr. Callan made the motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Ms. Herron, voted and approved.

Aaron Vannoy gave the manager's report showing the new format and abilities of the Petpoint software. Aaron reported the new software can report how each animal is received into the shelter. The reports show the past three month's "Owner Release" animals have increased substantially with most owners stating they can no longer afford their animals. Owner reclaims have declined during the last three month period also. Adoption rates have surprisingly remained stable during the past three months. The number of calls for field services has decreased; unfortunately the number of animals coming into the shelter has increased, indicating more animals being brought in by the public.

Oaths of Office were completed prior to the meetings beginning.

Ordinance revisions are almost complete. A citizen's committee has been appointed to review the changes and submit recommendations for further changes before the ordinance is presented to City Council.

Shelter goals for 2011 are:

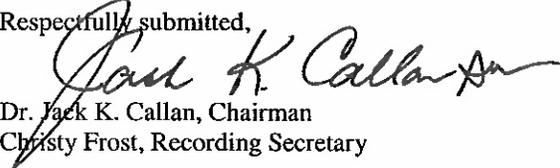
1. Control zoonotic diseases through consistent enforcement of state and local ordinances.
2. Protect animal welfare through consistent enforcement of state and local ordinances.
3. Provide clean wholesome shelter to all homeless and unwanted animals
4. Evaluate each animal in the shelter for appropriate adoption into our surrounding communities with a placement rate of 50% of all adoptable animals.
5. Be the leader in education opportunities to reinforce proper pet ownership, spay and neuter impacts and safety around wildlife and aggressive animals.

Implementation of new cleaning regimens has already begun in order to achieve completion of the goal to provide a clean shelter for the animals. This regimen includes new cleaning products which require few steps to complete and are less caustic and harmful to the environment.

Strategic planning workshops are being scheduled for the Advisory Board in 2011 to provide recommendations for future policies and improvements. David Vela, an assistant City Manager, will assist with these workshops.

With no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 4: 01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


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

Date minutes approved: 12-20-10