

Animal Services Advisory Board

April 25, 2013

The Abilene Animal Services Advisory Board held a regular meeting on April 25, 2013 in the basement Conference room in City Hall.

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

Members present were: Aaron Vannoy, Dr. Callan, Leah Herron and Megan Santee Also present were Charla Thomas, legal representative and Christy Frost, recording secretary. Absent member was Tom Rigsby.

The minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting were presented by the chairman, Dr. Callan. After review, Dr. Callan made the motion to accept, seconded by Leah Herron, approved by acclimation.

Aaron presented the Manager's report comparing data from January to March 2013:

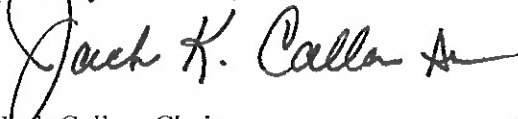
1. Live animal intakes have continued to decrease.
2. Animals being reclaimed by the owners show a decrease.
3. Euthanasia numbers have decreased along with the number of intakes.
4. Adoptions are holding steady. PetsMart "Salvation Adoption" event resulted in over 300 animals being adopted, 210 from Animal Services. North Shore Animal League reported Abilene event adopts more animals than any other they attend; including large cities such as Kansas City, Phoenix, Nashville and Dallas. Abilene numbers are triple of any other city.

An outbreak of type of canine pneumonia and/or distemper during November and December resulted in all puppies and dogs up to a year old being vaccinated with distemper/parvo and bordetella vaccines. Increased vigilance in sanitation procedures was also undertaken.

2014 budget requests are being submitted with a shelter attendant and dispatcher positions being requested personel additions. Licensing agreement with PetData is also being submitted. CIP funding for south wing addition should be approved by City Council in May or June with construction beginning in late summer or early fall. Current plans have indoor/outdoor kennels on one side and indoor only on the other. With possible additional funding, outdoor kennels could be added to the indoor only side along with a dog wash area that is currently planned as a closet. The Water department has requested a new grit tank to replace the current tank that is not functioning properly.

With no further business on the agenda, Dr. Callan adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Jack Callan, Chairman  
Christy Frost, Recording Secretary

Date minutes approved: 10-3-13