

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Bill Wright called the Health & Education meeting to order at 5:15PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Bill Wright, Tom Morse, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler, and Chad Turner. Chuck Nesbitt and Cari West-Monson were absent and excused.

Also present were: Bill Donahue, Assistant State's Attorney; Douglas Toole, Health Department; Jim Russell, Mental Health; Paige Brown, Animal Regulation; and Amie Harvey, Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Phearn Butler moved, second by Chad Turner, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2016

Chad Turner moved, second by Tom Morse, to approve the minutes presented. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

There were none.

Agenda Item 5 – Revision of Animal Control Ordinance

Paige Brown explained there were several areas in the ordinance that said “dog” but should say “dog or cat.” She said that many of the ordinances were copied from Champaign County, but there are several instances in which Vermilion County’s processes differ from Champaign County. The first concern was the inoculation of dogs and cats fee for tags. Discussion ensued and it was determined the change would stay and the animal shelter would pay \$.50 to veterinary offices for each tag sold.

Next, Paige voiced a concern about the ordinance’s addressing “fair market value.” Bill Donahue noted this was not necessary to have in the ordinance; that it could be left to state statute. Kevin Green noted that the statement seemed dated. Tom Morse asked to clarify under “Service Animals” that it should include the use of dogs certified to aid those with PTSD. Paige Brown also noted it should include that an animal must be trained and certified to be considered a service animal.

Chad Turner moved, second by Phearn Butler, to make the noted changes to the ordinance and bring it back to the Committee for a finalizing vote. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Bill Wright, Tom Morse, Kevin Green, Phearn Butler, Chad Turner. 5 yes, 2 absent.

Agenda Item 6 - Executive Session

Not necessary.

Agenda Item 7 - Items of Information of Committee Concerns

Paige Brown updated the committee:

- The animal shelter has been granted security for the Powell case. There will be a status hearing in December.
- Staff is good – the U of I comes often and it helps the clinic as well as the veterinary students

Doug Toole gave an update from the Health Department:

- The Building and Grounds project is nearly done – new office furniture should be in soon and an open house will be scheduled soon

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- The electronics recycling event brought in approximately 500 monitors and 975 TV sets (around 98,000 pounds total)

Jim Russell noted:

- the first of several Youth Mental Health training seminars will be held at the Hospital soon, with the end goal being to have every employee of the Hospital trained on the matter.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

Committee Chairman Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Minutes by: Amie Harvey, Administrative Assistant