

BURLESON ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
August 9, 2022  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Roll Call

Members Present

1. Kim Peckler
2. Jennifer Stockemer
3. Dr. Ryan Camp
4. Donna Riggs
5. Lisa Duello

Absent

Syriana Smith

Staff

Maricela Hernandez

**1. Call to Order – Time: 5:51 p.m.**

**2. Approve the minutes from the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee**

**A. Consider approval minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee**

Jennifer Stockemer made motion and Kim Peckler second  
Motion passed 5-0

**3. Citizen appearances**

No citizen appearances during the meeting

**4. Reports and Discussion Items:**

**A. Discuss Animal Services Monthly Report on shelter operations through June 2022.**

The statistical summary report for the period of Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 provides the following operational information:

- Revenue breakdown
- Revenue – yearly comparative
- Field service calls
- Action taken by Officers
- Call breakdown per month
- Intake by species
- Intake type
- Euthanasia numbers and reasons
- Phone calls

- Visitors
- Volunteer Hours
- Statistics by Month
- Definition of Terms

Kim Peckler expressed concern over the high owner return numbers possibly due to COVID return to work, people moving.

**B. Summary of the Burleson Animal Shelter Kennel Sponsorship Program.**

Animal Services implemented an Adopt a Kennel Program in 2019. This program allows businesses or individuals to advertise, memorialize a loved one, honor a special furry friend, or purchasing a perfect gift for the hard to buy. All proceeds from the program go to the Injured Animal Fund.

Burleson Animal Shelter's Kennel Sponsorship Program is still going strong. The program has brought in \$13,950 since it was initiated.

Since our last report, we have had the following new sponsors:

Name	Amount
<b>Jules Cobb</b>	\$500
<b>Kelsey Anderson</b>	\$250
<b>Aiden Atkins</b>	\$250
<b>Anonymous</b>	\$250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1250</b>

**C. Receive a report and hold discussion regarding the FY 22-23 Budget request for Animal Services.**

Animal Services Supplemental Request (Additional funding beyond base budget)

1. Upgrade part-time Kennel Technician to full-time position- \$52,930
2. Operational cost of new Isolation area- \$11,816
3. Repaint existing shelter- \$19,000

Approval will be determined at September City Council meeting

**D. Receive a report and hold discussion regarding the new adopted tethering ordinance**

City Council approved the final reading of this ordinance by a unanimous vote at the August 1, 2022 regular Council meeting. The council approved an ordinance that amended Section 6-1 (Definitions) and 6-9 (Care and Humane Treatment

of Animals) of Chapter 6, (Animal Care and Control) of the Burleson Code of Ordinances by adding definitions for Adequate shelter, Harness, Cruelly treated, Adverse weather conditions, and Properly fitted, and by modifying the manner and location a dog or other animal may be tied or tethered; making this ordinance cumulative of prior ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing for the violation of this ordinance; providing a penalty clause; and providing for an effective date.

Texas legislature recently passed Senate Bill 5 (attached) unattended Dogs in the 87<sup>th</sup> legislative session, third special session – the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act to protect unattended dogs restrained outdoors, effective January 18, 2022.

How Senate Bill 5 protects dogs and improves public safety:

- Defines adequate shelter to protect dogs from exposure to extreme temperature, standing water and ensures the dog can stand, turn around and lie down.
- Requires access to drinkable water
- Prohibits the use of chain restraints which cause pain and injuries.
- Strikes the 24- hour waiting period so animal services and law enforcement can take immediate action for dogs in distress.

Staff is proposing to update the City of Burleson Code of Ordinance, Chapter 6, Animal Care and Control, Section 6-9 -Care and Humane Treatment of Animals, to be concurrent with state Law.

The changes involve adding/modifying definitions for the following terms:

- Adequate Shelter
- Adverse weather conditions
- Harness
- Cruelly treated
- Properly fitted

Additional changes include removing all references to the use of chains and renumbering relevant sections to concur with State Law.

**E. Receive a report and hold discussion regarding the status of the construction of new isolation area.**

Since our last ASAC meeting in March the May 2022 completion had been changed. There have been significant setbacks due to material backorders therefore, the completion is estimated for October 2022.

However, significance progress has been made outlined in the following timeline:

- March – foundation completed
- April – May – material backordered
- June – Exterior wall and outside kennels completed
- July –
  - roof steel installed
  - interior walls framed
  - insulation installed
  - plumbing and electrical installed in walls
  - roof insulation and completion

There have been two (2) change orders that included the installation of additional outside water hose connections and redesign and addition of outside kennels

**F. Animal Shelter Advisory Committee tour of isolation area construction project.**

**5. Board Requests for Future Agenda Items or Reports**

Donna Riggs asked if there were any plans for neighboring Counties to work together with the City of Burleson in regards to Animal Shelter. Staff stated that many years back Johnson County made such request but the project was cost prohibitive.

The Committee Thanks Dr. Camp for his service

Suggested date for next meeting November 1, 2022

**6. Adjourn**

Motion made by Dr. Camp to adjourn and second by Kim Peckler

Motion passed 5 - 0

**Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm**

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Maricela Hernandez, Recording Secretary