



**MINUTES
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 04, 2023
6:30 PM**

The Joshua Animal Control Advisory Board will hold a Special Meeting on December 04, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers in Joshua City Hall, located at 101 S. Main, Joshua, Texas. This meeting is open to the public and subject to the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Texas.

Join Zoom Meeting:

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mike Kidd announced a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the meeting minutes of October 09, 2023.

City Secretary Holloway stated the minutes were accidentally not uploaded into the packet. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a recommendation to amend Chapter 2, Animal Control, Article 2.03 Rabies and Zoonosis Control, incorporating recitals, savings clauses, and setting an effective date.

Kelley Gelsthorpe stated that the quarantine process, rabies tags, and animal bites were updated as previously discussed.

The board asked staff to make the changes and bring it back to board to see complete revisions.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on adopting revised Ordinance Articles 2.03.002 Rabies Vaccination, Article 2.03.003 Reports of Animal Bites to Humans, and Article 2.03.004 Quarantine.

Motion made by Seat 4 Weldon to recommend the proposed changes. Seconded by Seat 1 Stewart. Voting Yea: Seat 1 Stewart, Seat 2 Kidd, Seat 3 Runnels, Seat 4 Weldon, Seat 5-Staff Gelsthorpe

4. Discuss and consider revisions to Chapter 2.01.007 Tethering of dogs and other animals.

Kelley, we are adding information from the new state law regarding the differentiation of tethering. This is to keep the ordinance current with state law. No action. Staff are for asking direction.

5. Discuss and consider a new ordinance for the Feeding of Animals.

Kelley Gelsthorpe stated that the staff is asking for direction from the board. In addition, she stated that there are limitations, but wanted to add policy to discourage ferals.

The following recommendations were made:

Start educating citizens regarding feral cats.

Place educational materials in the City Newsletter.

In the upcoming budget, ask for a budget item for a feral cat program.

No action taken.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Board members shall not make routine inquiries about operations or project status on an item that is not posted. However, any board member may state an issue and request that this issue be placed on a future agenda.

NA

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mike Kidd adjourned the meeting at 6:57.