

City of Rowlett
Regular Meeting
Animal Shelter Advisory Board
Tuesday, July 13, 2011
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

As Dr. McKelroy was late arriving, Senior Board Member Jeff Ochsner called to order the regular meeting of the Rowlett Animal Shelter Advisory Board at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 13, 2011. The roll call was conducted via sign in sheet. The following members were present: Dr. Lori McKelroy, Tim Pace, Leigh Culver, Joe Tilger and Jeff Ochsner. ASAB Alternate's present were Mollie McCollom-Miles and Nancy Petty. City Management present were Chief Matt Walling and Lt. Marvin Gibbs. Council Liaison present was Council Member Donna Davis. Jeri Fontenot was absent and it was excused. Katie Rinz is no longer a board member.

II. Consider approving the minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting.

The Minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting were passed out and board members were given time to review them. The Senior Board Member opened the floor comments or questions and Ms. Culver corrected a statement in item IV that was actually made by her instead of Ms. Petty. Mr. Ochsner then called for a motion to accept the Minutes as written with that item changed. The motion was made by Ms. Petty and seconded by Mr. Pace. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Discussion to finalize the presentation of recommendations to City Council.

Senior Board Member turned the meeting back over to the Chairman and Dr. McKelroy opened the item for discussion. It was suggested that the City Attorney looks at any ordinances before they are presented to Council. Chief Walling agreed with this statement. Recommendation for "No Kill" policy was discussed. Chief Walling mentioned contacting Operation Kindness to see if they would be interested in taking over our animal shelter. They reported it would not be feasible because they want to keep their "No Kill" title and they think it is impossible for a municipal shelter to be "No Kill" because unfortunately, when animals come to a municipal shelter, they must be put down if they are too sick or violent. Operation Kindness pays to rehabilitate the animals and it is not a possibility with the size of the present shelter. After discussion of the other charges, the Chairman then closed the item from discussion and moved on to the next item.

IV. Discussion and Proposal of Eliminating Pet Registration and Requiring Micro-Chipping Animals.

The Chairman opened the item for discussion and the Board had a general discussion. Lt. Gibbs took the floor and pointed out the DeSoto, Lancaster and Cedar Hill have ordinances stating that dogs that are captured are micro-chipped at the owner's expense. The City of Rowlett proposes to do this as well. We will keep the information on the ShelterPro database. While the shelter has had some success in registration, it is believed that the micro-chipping program would be much more successful. It was clarified that there would