

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of the City of Waxahachie, Texas to be held in the Training Room at Waxahachie Police Department, 630 Farley Street on ***Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12:00pm.***

Members: Cathy Le, Animal Services Manager
Dr. Tommy Menser, Veterinarian
Melony Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer
Nelda Corbell, Humane Society of North Texas
Cherie K. Batsel

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. ***Public Comments:*** Persons may address the Animal Care Advisory Committee on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Committee on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
4. Approval of minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of February 16, 2024
5. Hear and consider a motion to nominate Chief Marcus Brown as Chairman of the Animal Care Advisory Committee
6. Discuss Statistics for January 2024 through June 2024
7. Discuss Outreach Events for February 2024 through June 2024
8. Discuss Repairs for Facility for Compliance with State Regulations
9. Discuss Saturday Adoptions at the Shelter Statistics
10. Set next meeting date and time of the Waxahachie Animal Care Advisory Committee
11. Board Member comments
12. Adjourn

The Animal Care Advisory Committee reserves the right to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from legal counsel on any agenda item listed herein. This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility-impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting. To make arrangements, call the City Secretary at 469-309-4006 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAY TX

Notice of Potential Quorum
One or more members of the Waxahachie City Council may be present at this meeting.
No action will be taken by the City Council at this meeting.

A regular meeting of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Training Room at Waxahachie Police Department, 630 Farley Street, Waxahachie, Texas on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Wiser, Police Chief, Chairman
Cathy Le, Animal Services Manager
Melony Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer
Cherie K. Batsel

Members Absent: Dr. Tommy Menser, Veterinarian
Nelda Corbell, Humane Society of North Texas

Others Present: Jami Bonner, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Police Chief Joe Wiser called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Chief Wiser gave the invocation.

3. Public Comments

Vanessa Voldan, 301 Cynisca, Waxahachie, Texas, encouraged the City to research opportunities to provide low cost spay, neuter, and vaccination services.

Stephanie Reyna, 222 Youngblood, Waxahachie, Texas, expressed a need for more resources through budget planning and community outreach.

Jennifer Favia, 304 E. Parks Ave., Waxahachie, Texas, encouraged public access to the shelter on Saturdays for adoptions.

Joanna Cole, 291 Black Champ, Waxahachie, Texas, requested educational materials be disseminated in regards to emergency situations and best practices for pet care.

Darlene Miller, 240 Parks School House Rd., Waxahachie, Texas, expressed the importance of low cost spay, neuter, and vaccination services and encouraged a City/County partnership.

Carolyn Taylor, 1005 Dunkerly Rd., Ennis, Texas, echoed the need for low cost spay, neuter, and vaccination services to help rescue groups. Ms. Taylor encouraged the shelter to ask for community help.

Johnna Wallace, 3305 Sanger Creek Way, Waxahachie, Texas, recognized public participation is pertinent to addressing animal care concerns and encouraged planning for future needs.

Linda Lamorgese, 901 Ellis St., Waxahachie, Texas, expressed concern with difficult adoption policies throughout the animal care community.

4. Approve minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of February 16, 2022

Action:

Cathy Le moved to approve minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meeting of February 16, 2022. Motion was seconded by Melony Jordan and carried unanimously (4-0).

5. Discuss statistics for 2023

The Item was presented by Assistant Chief of Police Mike Lewis. Chief Lewis provided statistics for shelter capacity by month, impounds by year, animals reclaimed by year, euthanasia numbers by year and live rate by year.

6. Discuss 2023 outreach events and future outreach events

The Item was presented by Animal Services Manager Cathy Le. Ms. Le shared the 2023 adoption events including:

- Once a month - Waxahachie Farmers Market
- Two to three times a month - PetSupplies Plus
- Every 1st & 3rd Sunday - Penny Paws
- 4/5/2023 – 5/31/2023 - Woof Across Texas
- 4/15/2023 - Cops with Kids
- 7/29/2023 - HSNTX Mega Adoption Event
- 8/5/2023 - Tractor Supply
- 8/12/2023 - Ono Grindz
- 9/16/2023 - Grand Prairie's Birthday Bash
- 10/7/2023 - Trophy Club's Dog Fest
- 10/22/2023 - Trunk or Treat at Railyard
- 10/28/2023 - Texas Country Reporter
- 11/11/2023 - Bark n' Brew
- 11/18/2023 - Movie in the Park (Railyard)

Adoption events with Friends of Waxahachie Animal Shelter

- 1/28/2023, 5/27/2023 - Vita Coffee House
- 4/1/2023 - Paperleaves
- 4/8/2023 - Buff City Soap
- 4/22/2023 - The Barking Project
- 8/19/2023 - Optimist Pool Party

Ms. Le reported she is planning to participate in many of the same adoption events and reach out to the Parks Department and rescue groups to increase participation in events.

7. Discuss volunteering opportunities

Ms. Le presented the item and provided opportunities for volunteers to provide human interactions

with animals and provide marketing services to promote animals available for adoption.

8. Set next meeting date and time of the Waxahachie Animal Care Advisory Committee

The Animal Care Advisory Committee set their next meeting for May 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jami Bonner

Assistant City Secretary