

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 on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12:00pm.

Members Present: Marcus Brown, Assistant Police Chief, Chairman
Cathy Le, Animal Services Manager
Melony Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer -
Nelda Corbell, Humane Society of North Texas
Cherie K. Batsel

Members Absent: Dr. Tommy Menser, Veterinarian

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Police Chief Joe Wiser called the meeting to order.

2. **Invocation**

Chief Wiser gave the invocation.

3. **Public Comments**

Jeannine Mosley, 207 Aldridge, Waxahachie, Texas, discussed donating multiple pet related items to the animal shelter.

Shelia Hood, 3841 Black Champ Rd, Midlothian, Texas, expressed a need for more animal resources and encouraged the City to consider joining forces with neighboring jurisdictions to develop a multi-city animal services center.

Darlene Miller, 240 Park School House Rd, Waxahachie, Texas, encouraged the City to collaborate with the County in an effort to provide more animal resources to the community. Ms. Miller also encouraged more enforcement for neglectful pet owners.

Vanessa Voldan, 301 Cynisca, Waxahachie, Texas, complimented Waxahachie Animal Services efforts in regards to marketing and outreach for animal adoption. Ms. Voldan also discussed the need for more resources and assistance to combat the issue of stray animals by developing a spay and neuter program.

Toni Ridgway, 1204 S Rogers St., Waxahachie, Texas, discussed ongoing issue with stray dogs and cats in the City.

Brenda Mavridis, 5 Sargent Place, Waxahachie, Texas, discussed her personal efforts for taking in stray animals and encouraged fundraising events to cover additional animal service costs. Ms. Mavridis also encouraged increased public education about proper animal welfare.

4. **Approval of minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of February 16, 2024**

Action:

Chief Wisner moved to approve minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meeting of February 16, 2024. Motion was seconded by Cherie Batsel and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. **Hear and consider a motion to nominate Chief Marcus Brown as Chairman of the Animal Care Advisory Committee**

Action:

Chief Wisner made a motion to nominate Assistant Chief Marcus Brown as Chairman of the Animal Care Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Cathy Le and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. **Discuss Statistics for January 2024 through June 2024**

The item was presented by Cathy Le. Ms. Le provided statistics for the number of animal adoptions, animals impounded, euthanasia numbers, and live release rates.

7. **Discuss Outreach Events for February 2024 through June 2024**

The item was presented by Cathy Le. Ms. Le shared the number of adoption events including:

January – 2 events

February – 3 events

March – 6 events

April – 6 events

May – 9 events

Total Events – 26

Ms. Le also discussed new marketing and outreach plans which include signage and banners advertising adoption opportunities that will be placed in multiple locations throughout in the City.

8. **Discuss Repairs for Facility for Compliance with State Regulations**

This item was presented by Assistant Chief Marcus Brown. Chief Brown explained the required yearly state inspection process for our animal services facility, followed up with discussion about actions that need to be taken to be in compliance with state regulations.

9. **Discuss Saturday Adoptions at the Shelter Statistics**

This item was presented by Cathy Le. Ms. Le shared the past dates of Saturday adoption events including:

March 16th

April 13th

April 27th

May 11th

May 25th

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

The Animal Care Advisory Committee set their next meeting for September 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

11. Board Member comments

Cathy Le expressed appreciation for community involvement and encouraged more volunteer efforts by citizens.

Chief Wiser affirmed the City's dedication to offer the best animal services possible to our community with the resources provided. Wiser also advised that we will be requesting increased budget funds for future enhancements that will increase the animal services we are able to provide.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Adams
Public Service Officer