

Animal Care Advisory Committee
January 31, 2025

A regular meeting of the Animal Care Advisory Committee of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cathy Le, Animal Services Manager
Melony Jordan, Code Enforcement Officer
Cherie K. Batsel
Tiki Walker Smith
Brian Burks

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

1. Call to Order

Assistant Chief Marcus Brown called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Assistant Chief Marcus Brown gave the invocation.

3. Public Comments

Brenda Mavridis, of 5 Sargent Place, Waxahachie, Texas, highlighted the urgent need for assistance regarding two dogs found in a hardware store parking lot. A temporary foster home was secured for them, but due to limited space in animal shelters, she emphasized the necessity of finding permanent placements. Ms. Mavridis suggested using portable buildings as a short-term solution to address the immediate crisis.

4. Reorganize the committee and consider a motion to nominate Cathy Le, Animal Services Manager, as Chairman of the Animal Care Advisory Committee

Action:

Brian Burks moved to nominate Cathy Le as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Cherie J. Batsel and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. Consider approval of minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meetings of June 7, 2024 and September 27, 2024

Action:

Nelda Corbell moved to approve the minutes of the Animal Care Advisory Committee meetings of June 7, 2024 and September 27, 2024. Motion was seconded by Cherie J. Batsel and carried unanimously (5-0).

6. Discuss Statistics for the year of 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 2024 Outreach Events and Future Outreach Events

Ms. Le introduced the item and highlighted that there were 67 outreach events, both within the city and beyond. Some of the past events included:

- Crossroads of Texas Reporter Festival
- Mega Adoption Event
- PetFest in Trophy Club

Looking ahead, there are plans to host more affordable microchipping events and offer universal registration options.

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

The next meeting is set for April 25, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

9. Board Member comments

Brian Burks asked whether the success of the chip program is measured by participant feedback or if the \$15 fee is meant to incentivize participation in another event. Ms. Le responded that the program is designed with affordability in mind, ensuring microchipping remains accessible to pet owners. While costs at other locations typically range from \$30 to \$60, the program aims to offer a more budget-friendly option.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Garcia

Public Service Officer