

MEETING PURPOSE

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Animal Control Board
Meeting

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AND LOCATION:

November 29, 2016

ATTENDEES:

Animal Control Board
Members: Delmer Schmidt;
Cara Chamberlain; Jeanette
Vieg; Robert Pumphrey;
Chuck Bushey.

City Administrator: Tina
Volek

Animal Control Staff: Tom
Stinchfield, Animal Control
Supervisor

Lewis Gurdach; Catherine
Surcher; Ryan Cunningham
Aubree Cunningham Kevin
Nelson Chris Anderson
Linda Blair Cassandra Blair
Ashlee Backner

RECORDED BY:

Tom Stinchfield

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson Pumphrey called meeting to order

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting were approved and seconded

II. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S PLAN FOR INCREASING LICENSE SALES

Tina Volek led the discussion and briefly outlined the different types of parks and walkways located in and around the City of Billings

Tom Stinchfield gave an over-view of the effort that has been put forth to increase licensing awareness and sales

- A. Volunteer Outreach Programs
- B. Public Service Announcements
- C. Mail-in licensing
- D. Developed and distributed licensing pamphlets
- E. Added licensing requirements to City Water Bills
- F. Parks and Recreations Face Page
- G. Talk Radio and Community 7

Tina Volek discusses proposals that the Parks Department has made regarding allowing dogs in parks and signage that they would like to see and also what the cost of this would be to the City (\$34,320.00). Council has asked that licensing revenue increase in order to off-set these costs. Efforts to increase will continue and will be re-evaluated in the spring.

III. UPDATE ON RABIES

Tom Stinchfield led the discussion on the Rabies Summit that was held earlier in the year

- A. No Rabies Quarantine in Yellowstone County since 2013 on a domestic animal
- B. Licensing a pet requires that your pet be current on rabies vaccination
- C. A committee was formed during the summit to have an action plan in place should a rabies situation arise and each involved agency would be clear on what action would be required of them
- D. Rabies is a low rate of incident with high consequences to a person who needs inoculations (thousands of dollars) as there is a 100 percent fatality rate

IV. Honeybees

Chairperson Robert Pumphreys opens up the discussion

- A. Ordinance has been drafted
 - 1. The Yellowstone Valley Beekeepers Association came to the board and suggested that there be an ordinance to address this as a number of

businesses are selling hives and they are totally unregulated

- B. Proposed Honeybee Ordinance has gone through the City Attorney's Office and has been approved by the Animal Control Board but has now been put on the backburner in order to deal with the dogs in parks issue

Chairperson Robert Pumphreys asked for input on the honeybee issue

- 1. The beekeepers are going to have to play an active role when this goes before City Council and be willing to answer questions the City Council may have.
- 2. Is there going to be a cost to the City for this ordinance
- 3. Animal Control will not be dealing with calls for service when it involves a swarm etc.....

Chairperson Robert Pumphreys asks for a motion to go forward with the Draft for allowing honeybees in the City Limits of Billings

- 1. Jeanette Vieg proposed a motion to go forward
- 2. Chuck Bushey seconds the motion

V. Potbellied Pigs

Chairperson Robert Pumphreys opens the discussion and explains why and how this came about and that there has since been an ordinance drafted that would allow potbellied pigs in the City Limits and encourages all citizens who are in favor of this ordinance to go to the City Council Meeting.

Chairperson Robert Pumphreys asks for a motion to go forward with City Council in reference to potbellied pigs being allowed in the City.

Jeanette Vieg seconds the motion

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Robert Pumphrey has completed his appointment on the Animal Control Board and chooses not to extend

Chuck Bushey addressed the members and citizens and encourages all
To continue to strive for positive changes

VII. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Chairperson Robert Pumphreys concludes the meeting