



Forsyth County Animal Services Advisory Board

July 21, 2022

6:00 - 7:30 PM
5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Bill Cowan, Chair
Chad Griffin, Vice Chair
Priscilla Ivester
Erin Turner
Rick Borucki
Bill Cowan
George Francisco
Lida Calvert-Hayes
Adam Bowditch

Members Present

Priscilla Ivester	Rick Borucki
Bill Cowan	Adam Bowditch
Erin Turner	Michelle Connelly

Staff Present

Capt. V. Loveland
Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Bill Cowan. Staff let the Board know that George Francisco and Lida Calvert-Hayes would not be present.
- Approval of meeting minutes July 19, 2022
MOTION: Rick Borucki made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Michelle Connelly. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Rabies Clinics 2022***
Tonya Ward let the Board know that a clinic will be held on September 24th. This will be a drive up clinic by appointment.
- ***Meeting with State Senator***
Bill Cowan stated that he had met State Senator Joyce Krawiec and asked for a meeting with her. He followed up on this conversation with an email but has not yet heard back from her office.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Winston-Salem Chicken Update***

Captain Loveland let the Board know that the City of Winston-Salem has made changes to their ordinance regarding keeping of chickens in city limits. The main change is that a permit is no longer required. There is still a limit of 5 chickens, with roosters not being allowed. There followed discussion of the changes and benefits. There was additional discussion of the difference between city/county and state laws. Captain Loveland explained that city and county laws can be more restrictive and state laws are generally broader. He went on to say that generally someone would be charged at the county or city level for violations but can be charged at the state level if necessary.

- ***Wildlife Representative to Discuss Coyotes in Forsyth County***

Bill Cowan let the Board know that he has been in contact with a representative from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and they will come and speak to the Board in January. They had hoped to be able to attend in September but it did not work out.

- ***Potential Recommended Change to Winston-Salem Ordinance Regarding Restraint of Dogs***

Captain Loveland brought to the Board's attention Winston-Salem ordinance 6-17 which addresses restraint of dogs. There was discussion of how it has been interpreted in the past, especially regarding underground containment systems not being adequate fencing. Captain Loveland explained that he spoke with the County Attorney's Office and they clarified that the portion which addressed "other device" does allow for underground containment systems. He asked the Board to consider whether they would like to make a recommendation to the City to amend this ordinance. Additionally, he asked the Board to consider the County ordinance which addresses tethering. Staff let Board members know that an email would be sent with the referenced ordinances for their review so that there could be a future discussion regarding these potential changes.

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and members for the Tribunal Hearings scheduled for October 20th were discussed. Bill Cowan, Erin Turner, and Adam Bowditch said they were available. Michelle Connelly said she would serve as alternate.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business Bill Cowan asked for a motion to adjourn. Rick Borucki made the motion, which was seconded by Priscilla Ivester. Bill Cowan adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.