

City of Alpine Animal Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
6:00pm
BY ZOOM Minutes

1. Call to Order: Maria Curry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. The meeting was held by Zoom in the City of Alpine, Texas.
2. Determination of Quorum and Proof of Notice of Meeting: Chair Maria Curry, Vice-Chair Patsy Culver, James Etchison, Pat McCall, Lauren Spear, and Dr. Mary Dodson present and constituting a quorum. Meeting notice was posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Also present, Jennifer Stewart – Alpine Animal Services (AAS) Department Head, and guest Jeanine Bishop - Alpine Humane Society (AHS) Executive Director.
3. Approval of Minutes from Animal Advisory Board (AAB) Meeting of March 9, 2021. **Motion made by Pat McCall, seconded, and unanimously carried.**
4. **Information and Discussion Item:**
 - a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on members according to ARTICLE VI. - ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD, Sec 10-223 as amended March 2, 2021.

“The city council shall appoint eight members to the board. One member shall be an elected council member, one member shall be a licensed veterinarian, one member shall be a member of the Humane Society, and five members are not limited to specific wards or persons living within the city limit. Members must live within 10 miles of the Alpine city limits and be passionate about the duties of the Alpine Advisory Board regarding the City of Alpine. The animal control officer shall sit on the board as the ex-officio member. A member’s term is two years and shall align and coincide with that of the appointing city official. The city council shall appoint a chairperson for the board, and the board shall select a vice-chairman and recording secretary. The board will meet at least quarterly. Members missing three consecutive meetings may be dismissed.”

- i. Maria Curry reviewed the above ordinance and asked Jeanine Bishop, AHS Executive Director who she would recommend as AHS representative. Jeanine, who does not live in Alpine nor Brewster County, offered herself as a proposed member but also said there were others available in AHS that could fit the residency requirements.
- ii. Concern was expressed that it would be problematic for someone who lived outside the county to sit on an ordinance setting board for the City of Alpine.
- iii. Group thought they should further consider this item, since there were others available at AHS who meet the residency requirements.

5. Action

- a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on proposed ordinance Article II – Keeping Animals, Division I. Generally, 10-62 -Feral Cat Colony Management.
 - i. Patsy Culver reviewed the added sections of the proposed ordinance for microchips and enforcement.
 - ii. Group discussed microchip language and if ordinance satisfied requiring microchips. Group concluded language was adequate.

Motion to recommend Article II – Keeping Animals, Division 1. Generally, Section 10-62 Feral Cat Management to City of Alpine Council made by Patsy Culver, seconded, and unanimously carried.

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- b. Discuss consider and take appropriate action on the Animal Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City of Alpine Animal Services.
 - i. Group highly commended Jennifer Stewart for putting together such a comprehensive well-organized document.

No Action

6. Chair Curry moved into Executive Session at 6:28pm

- a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on Advisory Board membership for the Humane Society according to ARTICLE VI. - ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD, Sec 10-223 as amended March 2, 2021.

Came out of Executive Session at 6:36pm to resume open session.

Motion to ask Alpine Humane Society to put forth a representative that will meet residency requirements and complete required City of Alpine Boards and Commission application made by James Etchison, seconded, and unanimously carried.

- 7. Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Mc Call and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Culver, Vice-Chair
Next Meeting - TBD