

City of Alpine Animal Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Maria Curry, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers at 803 W. Holland in the City of Alpine, Texas.
2. Determination of Quorum and Proof of Notice of Meeting: Chair Maria Curry, Vice-Chair Patsy Culver, Lauren Spear, Kathy Bork, Dr. Mary Dodson present constituting a quorum. Meeting notice was posted at 4:00 P.M. on October 3, 2019.
3. Approval of Minutes from Animal Advisory Board (AAB) Meeting of May 14, 2019: Motion was made by Maria Curry, seconded and unanimously carried.
4. **Information and Discussion:** Ordinance change process
  - a. Maria reported that proposed ordinance changes of Article IV- Dangerous Animals, Sec 10-186 is still under legal review by City Attorney. The group urged that legal review be completed so this ordinance could go through readings. Maria has spoken several times to City Attorney Ponton and will speak with City Secretary Salas and City Manager Zimmer. Other members are also going to follow up.
5. **Action:**
  - a. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on making quorum less than 5 (one person for every ward, veterinarian, Humane Society, and City Council)
    - a. Maria reported that during a workshop Council had considered how to generate more interest and participation for ALL City of Alpine advisory boards. Since Quorum has held back Advisory boards, Maria discussed the options that are considered.
    - b. Once posted, Maria will send the Council agenda items regarding these options to the group for further consideration.
      - i. Options:
        1. Name City Council, veterinarian, and Humane Society as Alternate members - If these are at a meeting that would constitute a quorum even if only these three alternates are present.
          - a. Maria discussed the reason for 50% plus 1 quorum (5 for the AAB) and thought it was an open Meetings act requirement.
            - i. *Note: Open Meetings Act defines: "Quorum" ... a majority of a governmental body, unless defined differently by applicable law or rule or the charter of the governmental body.*
        2. Ward appointment – Appointments to the AAB do not need to be limited to specific wards but can be appointments of people who are passionate about the duties of the AAB as regard to the City of Alpine.
        3. Include Volunteers to the AAB from Brewster county - Volunteers who reside within X miles of the City of Alpine who are interested in issues inside the City of Alpine.
      - ii. No Action. The group discussed these options and consensus favored options 2 and 3.
    - b. Discuss, Consider, and take appropriate action on making the Animal Control Officer a voting member of the board.
      - i. No action and tabled.
6. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Patsy Culver and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Patsy Culver, Vice-Chair

Next Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Date TBD