

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Public Services Committee 5:28 PM

Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council 235 West 10th Street

Members Present: Christine M. Erickson, Theresa Stehly, Marshall Selberg, and Pat Starr

Members Absent: None

1. Call To Order

Committee Chair Christine M. Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Tuesday, February 14, 2017

A motion was made by Marshall Selberg and seconded by Theresa Stehly to approve the minutes.

A voice vote was taken and all members voted yes.

Motion Passed.

3. Reports and Updates

Revisions to Animal Control Ordinances by Keith Allenstein, Assistant City

A. Attorney, and Julie DeJong, Animal Control Supervisor

Presentation: Approximately 10 minutes followed by discussion

DeJong's presentation included: Cruelty to Animals; Right of Entry; Running at Large Prohibited; Vicious Animals; Restricted (formerly Vicious) Animals; Vicious Animals (new section); Dunbar Scale; Stray, Abandoned, or Unkept Animals; Keeping of Animals; Enforcement; Exemption for Police Dogs; and Disturbing the Peace. Discussion regarding the euthanizing of vicious animals, leash laws and fines, the state's statute regarding breeds, and what agency collects the fines followed.

Public input was taken at this time. Both individuals spoke about experiences with their rescue dogs, the impact of dogs running loose, puppy mill abuse, animal behavior and training, and animal rehabilitation.

A representative from the Sioux Falls Humane Society spoke and expressed their support for the proposed ordinance changes.

Discussion on Barking Dog Ordinance and Procedures by Keith Allenstein,

B. Assistant City Attorney; and Julie DeJong, Animal Control Supervisor

Presentation: Approximately 10 minutes followed by discussion

DeJong's discussion included procedures for handling barking dog complaints. DeJong reviewed the legal definition of a barking dog (90.004 Disturbing the Peace) as well as discussing the barking dog documentation required for reviewing a complaint.

4. Open Discussion

There was none.

5. Adjournment

Committee Chair Christine M. Erickson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Tamara Jorgensen, MMC

Assistant City Clerk