

**Animal Control Board Minutes**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Qtr September Meeting**

**Date:** September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Location:** City Hall Council Chambers

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Attending:**

**Assistant Chief Kintzele** Chairman

**Alijah Hunter** Animal Control

**Phillip Jankowski** City Council

**Absent:**

**Vacant** Humane Society Representative

**Rex Bailey** Veterinarian

**The determination of a quorum was made and the meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. Minutes of the last Animal Board meeting were reviewed and accepted.**

**Alijah Hunter gave the Animal Control Report:**

Off-Duty call-outs	139
Animal Bites	19
Animal Abuse Cases	11
Dog Fighting	-0-
Injured Animal call-outs	3
Visious Animals	1
Stay Dog Impounds	91
Stray Cats Impounds	32
Transported Dogs	32

Transported Cats 0

•Do to the Independent Cat Society efforts reference to the “Trap and Return Program”

Dogs Euthanized 4

Cats Euthanized 0

Tranquilized Animals 0

Set Traps 10

Issue Citations 56

Enforce AC Ordinances 4

Patrol Parks, etc. 10

Public Awareness Programs 0

Organize Volunteers 5

•Do to the District 1 Animal Response Team efforts.

Animal Control Reports 0

**There were no comments from the public.**

**Comments from the board, City Councilman Phillip Jankowski asked if we knew the amount of animals that were euthanized at the LaPorte County Animal shelter that we transported. Alijah Hunter responded that they do not report those numbers to us but that he can inquire.**

**Unfinished business:**

**Alijah Hunter advised that on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 Yvonne Hoffmaster (Controller’s Office) received a letter from the Humane Society reference to funds requested per the Emergency Sheltering. The Humane Society was asking for \$11,000 for the year 2009 and \$4,282 for the year 2010 thus far. Alijah Hunter advised that looking at the MOU per the Emergency Sheltering and it appears that it didn’t take effect until January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010. Alijah Hunter met with Yvonne and looked at the paperwork that was provided by the Humane Society reference to the funds requested and that created further confusion.**

**Alijah Hunter attempted to have a meeting with all parties but the city attorney was unable to attend, so another date should be sought so the Humane Society has a clear definition of what “Emergency Sheltering” is and how and when funds will be available. Alijah Hunter understood that the program (city) pays the shelter \$2 a day for stray animals being brought to their organization, \$10 for the disposal of an animal (injured, sick, etc.), and \$100 for Educational Programming. Alijah Hunter advised after reading the MOU he interpreted this on an Emergency Scale and not on a day to day basis, otherwise the city is paying for the operating cost for the Humane Society.**

**It was mentioned that Gale, the past Director of the Humane Society was replaced by someone who was only there for a month and it’s believed that there is no current director for the Humane Society.**

**City Councilman Phillip Jankowski asked Alijah if the upgrades and equipment recently purchased by the city for the kennel area have been placed into operation yet, Alijah Hunter advised that everything has with the exception of the freezer, there was a problem with the refrigeration unit, it was discovered that it would be more feasible to have it installed on the outside rather than inside, so a company is being sought to install this unit appropriately.**

**City Councilman also inquired on the letter that was to be prepared and sent out with the water bill reference to the encouragement of getting dog licenses. Alijah Hunter advised that the letter was prepared, but that they will probably wait until 2011 to send out because thousands of copies will have to be made and it's not known where that funding will come from and how much this endeavor will cost. The Water Department has agreed and all they need is the copies of letters and a date to be sent out.**

**City Councilman also inquired on the Inoculation Program that the Friendship Gardens was trying to put on this year, Alijah Hunter advised from what he understood the program did happen and went very well. He believes that approximately 15 appointments were made, but approximately 50 showed up and there was talk about having another program before year's end.**

**Alijah Hunter then added that he has been involved with the District 1 Animal Disaster Plan and has put forth his efforts to add to the formula. Alijah has also been working on a Michigan City Animal Disaster Plan as we do not have one in place now. The city's plan should be in writing sometime in October reference to procedures, protocols, etc. The district plan is a culmination of several entities and jurisdictions and continues to be written.**

**The next Board meeting will be announced via e-mail**

**The Animal Advisory Board formally adjourned**

**Royce Williams**

**Assistant Chief of Police**

