

Animal Services Board Meeting,

May 16, 2019

5:30 Courthouse

Board Members:

Present: Pete Cassidy, Dr. Carl McQueary, John Rolich, Tyler Pullman & Judy Kruzich

Absent: Quorum present? Yes

Also present: Lynette Hogart, Animal Services Coordinator, John Moodry, Assistant Director, Community Enrichment/Weeds, Pat Holland, Government Buildings, Danette Gleason & Mike Smith, Montana Standard Reporter

Guests:

Proceedings: 5:30 pm -Meeting called to order.

- A motion was made by Judy Kruzich to approve the minutes from the March 21st, 2019 meeting, Tyler Pullman seconded, all members in favor, minutes approved.
- **Public Comment:** None to report
- **Communication:** None to report

John Rolich requested that we jump to “New Business” so Danette Gleason could give her report & then leave as she had another engagement. All agreed.

New Business:

- Danette Gleason handed out a financial report. Judy Kruzich asked about donations to the shelter. Danette explained the difference between “*Restricted*” & “*Regular*” donations & what each could be used for. It is possible for the Board to approach Council & have funds restricted. Judy Kruzich asked about the Administrative Assistant salary that is paid 100% by the Animal Services Department. Judy said that she thinks that position should be located at the Shelter to help with administrative-clerical work for the Shelter. John Moodry explained the Administrative Assistants duties. Danette said that the position would be switched in the coming budget year in part or completely to another department.

John Rolich reported that laptop computers have been approved for Animal Control Officers. It will be a 2-year process.

Tyler Pullman asked if the Board would be notified of any budget increase. It was explained by Danette that budget increases are sent to Dave Palmer & he must approve.

- Pat Holland discussed the bid for the Shelter improvements. It came in at over \$20,000. It makes more sense to put that money into building a new shelter at another location. There was a lot of discussion

and input as to where the new shelter should & could be located. John Moodry will let the Board know when more decisions about the future of the Shelter are made.

- Lynette Hogart gave a report on the “Walk a Shelter Dog” program.

Animal Services Division – Lynette Hogart – Animal Services Coordinator Report:

- Lynette Hogart reported on the number of animals at the shelter and the adoptions, reclaims & euthanasia.
- Lynette reported on some of the improvements to the Shelter that have been made & some of the promotions that are happening.

Old Business:

- New Rabies protocol: John Moodry gave an update that it is with the County Attorney
- New Kennels: John Moodry told the Board that he & Lynette Hogart had gone to visit the Stafford Animal Shelter in Livingston, Montana to see & ask questions about the Shoreline kennels that the committee is looking at purchasing. There were many questions asked about the kennels & it was decided that the committee should meet to discuss the issue.

Meeting Adjourned