

Animal Services Board Meeting,

June 24, 2021

5:30 Courthouse

Board Members:

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

Absent: Kareniesa Kohn Quorum present? Yes

Also present: John Moodry, Assistant Director, Community Enrichment/Weeds, Lynette Hogart, Animal Services Coordinator, Ed Randall

Proceedings

- 5:30 pm -Meeting called to order -John Rolich
- Reading/Approval of the April 15, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes-Dr. Carl McQueary made a motion to approve minutes, Tyler Pullman seconded, all members in favor, minutes approved.

Public Comment: - none

Communications: - none

Animal Services Report-

Lynette reported on May statistics: **Dogs-** 5 Owner surrendered, 6 Citizen turn ins, 30 ACO pick-ups, 7 adopted, 31 reclaimed, 0 transferred, 4 died or euthanized-**Cats-** 6 Owner surrendered, 6 Citizen turn ins, 19 ACO pick-ups, 15 adopted, 8 reclaimed, 0 transferred, 2 died or euthanized

Our numbers today: 12 dogs-5 adoptable dog. 7 of them are waiting to be reclaimed or spayed/neutered. There are 25 cats in the shelter- Only 9 of the cats are available for adoption & we have 5 kittens. We also have 10 kittens in foster care.

Judy Kruzich asked about the euthanasia number & how it's reported. She understands that there are times when citizens will sign over their pets to Animal Control because they can't afford to pay to have them put down & we do it and have to count it as a euthanasia number. She wanted to know if there was another way to count these as they don't reflect fairly to our actual numbers. I said that I couldn't really think of a way to count them without a big explanation, but I appreciated her question.

Old Business:

1. **Kennels-Lynette-** On the 16th of June John Moodry Lynette went to council where they had bids opened for new kennels. There was only 1 bid submitted & it was from Shoreline Kennel Co. The bid was in the amount of \$75,290.59; Butte Silver Bow decided to accept the bid for the new kennels

and the contract should be signed the first part of July. We were told it will take about 6 months to get the kennels from order to delivery. Dr. McQueary asked how many kennels we ordered; I told him we got 20 8x4's in the back and 6 8x4's with side guillotine doors in the front- all the kennels will have front and side privacy and all of them are covered.

New Business

- 1. Animal Control Open Position-** Lynette reported that they had three interviews this morning: Herself, Jim Kambich, John Moodry & Beth Wurm. Felt like we had two very solid candidates & that we should be able to decide in the next week or so. Carl McQueary asked if that would be to fill the third ACO position and I told him it would be to fill the 2nd, & possibly 3rd position. I told them that we had an officer resign the previous Friday. He asked who it was & I told hi it was Colin Jemmings. So now there will be two positions open. Chairman Rolich asked if he resigned because of the stress from the position & I told him that I couldn't say-because I didn't know. John Moodry said that because of the Union Contract we can only fill one until it's advertised within the Union first. We can still use the same pool. I also told them that we had not closed the job from the last opening so we can use the same pool of applicants. We will have to wait until Mr. Jemmings is paid out before the other is hired. Chairman Rolich said he was worried about officer Santifer being burnt out & we all agreed. Dr. McQueary asked how long it takes to train an Animal Control Officer- 6 month is the probationary period. Lynette reported that they are also looking for a part-time summer help at the Shelter.
- 2. BSB Fiscal Budget-**John Moodry reported that it will be a flatline budget year at the Shelter. The only extra money spent will be the ability to spend the donation money on the kennels and improvements to the facility before we put the kennels in. Lynette also has the extra \$18,000. Grant for the cat housing from the ASPCA for the cat facilities & we will have one contractor doing all the installation so we will be able to save money on that. Tyler Pullman asked if there were any areas we had to cut- the answer was no. Ed Randall did make the comment that all our costs have gone up so there will be cuts and cutbacks. Cost of food, fuel etc.

Public Comment-None

Meeting Adjourned- Carl McQueary made a motion to adjourn, Judy Kruzich seconded, all members in favor, meeting adjourned