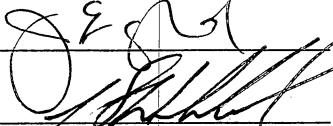
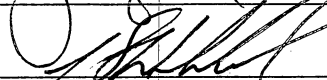


**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW
ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT SAGINAW PUBLIC WORKS AT
205 BRENDA LN, SAGINAW TX 76179**

Commencing At 6 P.M. On The 10TH Day of OCTOBER 2023, To Consider and Act Upon Any Lawful Subject Which May Come Before Said Meeting, Including Among Others the Following Business:

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 25 MEETING
- C. INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS – PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE
- D. REVIEW OF LATEST SHELTER NUMBERS
- E. 2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW
- F. FUNDRAISING IDEAS
- G. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS
- H. PUBLIC COMMENTS
An opportunity for citizens to address the Animal Services Advisory Board on matters which are scheduled on the agenda for consideration by the Animal Services Advisory Board, but not scheduled as a Public Hearing. In order to address the Animal Services Advisory Board during Public Comments, a Public Meeting Appearance Card must be completed and presented to the recording secretary prior to the start of the Animal Services Advisory Board meeting.
- I. ADJOURNMENT

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IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND YOU HAVE A DISABILITY THAT REQUIRES SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE MEETING, CONTACT JOSE WHEELAND WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE MEETING AT 817-230-0458. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE TO ASSIST YOUR NEEDS.

City of Saginaw
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City of Saginaw
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Held at Saginaw Public Works Conference Room
205 Brenda Lane, Saginaw, Texas
October 10, 2023

Present at the meeting:

Karen Metzler	Place 1	Veterinarian
Joe Stout	Place 3	Chair & Welfare Org Member
Jose Wheeland	Place 4	City Official
Breanna Farley	Place 5	Involved in Shelter Operations
John Peet	Place 6	
Judy Deller	Place 7	
Laura Yandell	Place 8	
Stacy Liebel	Place 9	
Spencer Meara	Alt 1	
Megan Le	Alt 2	

Absent from the meeting:

Tammy Southard	Place 2
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Visitors at the meeting:

Lee Howell	Assistant City Manager
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(A) Call to Order

Joe Stout, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

(B) The Committee unanimously approved minutes from the July 25, 2023, meeting.

(C) The Committee Chair welcomed recently appointed members and discussed the role and purpose of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

(D) Jose Wheeland reviewed Animal Services Statistics from the 2023 fiscal year, which included numbers for intake, animals adopted, animals euthanized, and other services. One of the numbers cited was for Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return, or TNVR/TNR, of stray and feral cats, which covered only part of the year. Committee members questioned why TNR was no longer being counted, and Animal Services Manager Wheeland explained that the practice was discontinued at the request of a City Council member following a briefing to the Council. This prompted a discussion of the rationale and benefits of TNR, with several members of the

Advisory Committee expressing support for TNR to be reconsidered and resumed in Saginaw. Other statistics noted were the shelter's Live Release rate of more than 90 percent, which is considered very positive.

(E) Jose Wheeland also reported on the FY 2024 Budget for Animal Services, with the Committee members asking questions and seeing the need for increases in many areas, including some line items where requests had been made and not funded. Animal Services staffing of five full-time and two part-time members was noted, which the Advisory Committee felt is inadequate. In response to questions and comments, Jose said the staff will begin working on the 2025 Budget Request in April 2024.

(F) The Advisory Committee also discussed fundraising ideas to support Animal Services operations. Among the topics mentioned were:

- Sales of commemorative bricks to be placed at the Animal Services facility
- Signs at the city's dog park
- Restaurant Nights where local businesses will designate some funds to be donated to Animal Services from their nightly sales of food
- Special events such as dog shows.

During the fundraising discussion it was noted that Animal Services would participate in the annual Train and Grain event on October 21, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saginaw High School and expected to raise some funds there.

(G) The Advisory Committee agreed to discuss inputs for changes to City Code Chapter 6, Animals, at its next meeting, with specific emphasis on Dangerous Dogs and Animals at Large provisions of the Code, which might also include policies regarding TNVR/TNR of stray and feral cats.

(H) Public Comments – There was no attendance and no comments from the public at the meeting.

(I) Adjournment - Before adjourning, the Committee agreed on the following dates and times for meetings in 2024:

- January 23, 6:30 p.m.
- April 23, 6:30 p.m.
- July 23, 6:30 p.m.
- October 22, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.