

Animal Control Commission

Public Meeting

3/8/2023

Present: Maggie Wheeler, Trevor Dreher, Nancy Hoopingarner, Amy Schneider, Ray Buechler from THHS, members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 12:01 PM

1. Old Business:

- a. Minutes from 2/8/23 meeting were sent to members via email. Maggie motioned to approve, Trevor second, all approved.
- b. Criteria for Discretionary Fund Allocation:
Discussion about the criteria was held. The ACC agreed to the following:
 - i. Funds must be used to help the welfare and education of animals within the city of Terre Haute.
 - ii. Requests need to be submitted in writing with a proposal as to how the money will be spent and what the benefit to the animals will be. Along with estimated costs prior to spending the money.
 - iii. All proposals will need to be submitted to City Legal Department to be reviewed.
 - iv. Proposals greater than \$1,000 need to be approved by the City Council. If less than \$1,000 it still needs to be vetted by City Legal department, but only needs the approved of the ACC.
 - v. Awards would be limited to 1 per year to a 503c organization.

Discussion about how often to make awards, what the money can be used for, how to interpret the city code, and respect for donor wishes. Amy motioned to table discussion to next month, Trevor second, all approved.

2. New Business:

- a. Vote on Criteria was tabled to next month.
- b. Allocation for Animal Control. A section of the code spells out that money can be allocated to the Animal Control Officers to request funds to pay for items to help them with the function of their duties. Trevor offered to come back with information and a proposal next month.

3. Public Comments:

There were questions and comments about helping with education, live traps, add a blurb once a year in utility bills with information showing how to obtain pet license. Other questions were about how long the commission has been around, how long the money has been available and not spent.

Meeting was adjourned to a quick executive session.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Vigo County Public Library Noon