

**St. Clair County Animal Services
Minutes for Meeting
At the Courthouse – 6:00 P.M.
July 30, 2018**

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Steve Gomric, Asst. Chairman
Michael O'Donnell
Fred Boch
Lonnie Mosley

Members Absent:

Carol Clark
James Haywood

Others Present:

Mark Kern, St. Clair County Chairman
Bob Allen, St. Clair County Board Member
June Chartrand, St. Clair County Board Member
Cheri Weaver, Deputy Director, Animal Services
Area Rescues

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Trentman.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

The roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Mr. Gomric to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018.
Second by Mr. Mosley.

Vote: 5 yes 0 no

Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Robert Trentman replied it is time for public comment, if you have a public comment or a question please direct it towards the chair, then keep it to about two minutes if you could and state your name and where you are from, just so we can keep track of it, but you don't have to. Okay, public comments does anybody have anything.

Shelia of Shiloh, asked I believe I have spoken with Jim a couple of weeks ago about clearing the shelter event and I was hoping to give it a try but, I guess because of liability they would need this group to approve it. But in the clear the shelter event we were talking about doing reduced fee adoptions. Jim let me know about some things that the Animal Services board would have to approve that, so what is the possibility.

Robert Trentman replied you lost me on what you are trying to do, I'm sorry.

Sheila of Shiloh replied if in the future there was some kind of event or let's say there was an incentive to increase adoptions, what does it take to approve reduced fee adoptions. As in not ninety-five dollars or seventy dollars, but like they have price adoptions to encourage people to come in and adopt an animal.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied there are a lot of programming out there to increase your number of adoptable animals, adoptions by a reduced running specials promotions just like anything else, thirty dollar adoptions, twenty-five dollar adoptions, whatever it is, around holidays or Father's Day or whatever it is. So, what Jim told her was that the board must approve the change in fee. So I asked Jim the last time I talked to him was, could that just be granted to Jim, to like he is a authority to change the price if he wants to. Versus it having to come to a board meeting, and be approved by the board.

Steve Gomric replied I would not agree with that, I think you need to come to the board and say we want reduced prices for Father's Day, we want reduced price for that. But that shouldn't be hard to do, and I'm sure if you ask for it you are going to get it. If you let an employee just setting their own prices in any portion of this county you are going to end up with pandemonium, like oh this is my friend who I reduced the price for. You are going to create issues if you do that. As a board member I would approve it, anything that was presented as Father's Day special reduced rate. You can't let an employee just set that rate. I think that you are going to go down a slippery slope.

Sheila of Shiloh replied that is not what we are saying, like fourteen dollars off on Valentine's day.

Steve Gomric replied without a doubt, bring the special to the board and I will have no problem approving any discount that you would deem worthy.

Sheila from Shiloh replied so it doesn't have to go through you and then finance, then the county board.

Steve Gomric replied I'm not saying that, I have a good idea that if you're going to be changing pricing on something it's going to have to go through us then finance and through the county board. With that being said that seems like an enormous process, it's really not. If it is deemed a well and worthy project, I can see this going though.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied it could be planned a year in advance to with the calendar of all things.

Steve Gomric replied correct and you could have a one time these are the specials we want to run for 2019, then you just say okay, we will be running a Spring special, Summer special, and a Fall Special, and a Christmas special. Then this is what we want to do and this is our plan and these are the dates. You could even publicize them. The only thing you're going to run into is that you might find people not buying animals until those specials kick in. Which would defeat the purpose of what you are trying to do.

Sheila of Shiloh replied It is something not all over the country and doesn't seem to be a good deterrence.

Steve Gomric replied, what I am saying is if you do it that far in advance. If it approved through us, it's going to be public knowledge. So you can't just approve it and say we are going to have these secret specials, so my point is that if you want to do that, I think it is a worthy idea, don't get me wrong, I'm just giving you the reality of it is when you run specials and people know, like oh wait there are specials. You can hurt your overall, I run specials on tickets, trust me I know like it is a double edge sword sometimes. You can, we are always going to have specials on these days, and people wait for that day. So you may want to change it and say hey within thirty days we are going to come to you and say this is it and this is what is going to go on. I think you are going to find that to better than creating a calendar year.

Unidentified replied, you would need thirty days to get it approved.

Steve Gomris replied it needs forty-eight hours to get it approve, it goes on the agenda for forty-eight hours. So you have forty-eight hours to get it approved, you could have the idea, like hey we are going to be doing this, and he could have the knowledge that you are going to do it, then you put it on the agenda, forty-eight hours later, it's approved though all three of those committees, like that, I think that, what I'm trying to get you is that I wouldn't put this out there for a year, I wouldn't give this to an individual, I would

approve anything you came to us and said hey, we want to do this and we want to do half price adoptions, sure go for it.

Sheila of Shiloh replied what timing each month.

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County replied give it to Jim Jacquot a couple of weeks before our county board meeting and he will get it to all of the committee members, and it should be smooth.

Steve Gomric replied I think two weeks is a great idea.

Gay Arnold replied I have a question, how do you guys microchip the dogs that come into Animal Control, do you register them to Animal Control, do you not register them at all?

Cheri Weaver replied, they are registered to the owners, and we are shown as the implant facility.

Gay Arnold replied at the time they do it, they do it right away.

Cheri Weaver replied when they are ready to go home.

Gay Arnold replied finding a couple of dogs around town they have the same type of microchips and somebody said they thought it was the kind you guys used, but they are not registered to anything. They are not registered to a person, not registered to Animal Control, that's why I wanted to make sure they were registered to something before they left.

Cheri Weaver replied right, they just show us as the implant facility, and all of the owners information that is given.

Gay Arnold replied I just wanted to know they were registered, I thought you wouldn't let them go unless they were at least registered to AC, I picked up a dog that registered to Randolph County, but it was at least registered to them and I could call them.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied I just want to say last week Ashley, and I talked to Jim, we ended up getting some free vet care, Gateway Pet Guardians did through Banfield and we got vet care for our own pets and then came to us and said they had room for ten more, to be fully vetted, vaccinated, spay/neutered, everything. We talked to Jim and he said that we could take ten of the dogs off the AC site, fix them and make them more, so more groups would want them to be transferred and or to be able to be adopted. So we did that last week and how many got transferred.

Ashley Jett replied we have one left.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied one left out of ten. Super exciting, so, thank you guys for all the work on that, it was awesome. Because space has been an issue, so we wanted to do whatever we could to free up some of that space.

New Business:

Robert Trentman replied this is the No Kill plan.

Steve Gomric replied I would like to make a motion that we adopt the No Kill plan.

Robert Trentman replied, I am going to read the statement on the first page, this is concerning our No Kill plan:

The St. Clair County Animal Services Department has completed its No Kill Plan for St. Clair County. The plan's completion is the final step required by the County's No Kill Resolution passed on December 19, 2016

The mission of St. Clair County Animal Services is to save as many animals as possible by achieving a 90% save rate. Saving animals will be accomplished in cooperation with animal welfare organizations, animal shelters, the media, and the public through methods such as enhanced owner retention, returns to owners, increasing fostering, and adoptions, low cost spay and neutering and a feline TNR (trap/neuter/return) program.

Chairman Kern stated, "St. Clair County is committed to continue to strive for a No Kill community. We will continue to provide compassionate and comprehensive support for pet owners and /or caretakers."

Steve Gomric replied I will make the motion again, Michael O'Donnell 2nd the motion.

Robert Trentman replied all of those in favor, opposed, great we have a No Kill plan everybody. 5 Yes 0 No

Robert Trentman replied I have glanced through it and honestly it is pretty much what we have been talking about for the last two or three years. Pet retention, owner surrenders, animals rescues, seeing what you guys need, you know to make this thing go smoothly, we are all like a big long chain that is connected we all have to work together on it.

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County replied it is a living document, always subject to change, in a positive way.

Robert Trentman replied, now we have to make it work.

Sheila from Shiloh replied I would like to ask one more question, it's not about the plan, when does the budgeting period for the new year come in to play.

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County, replied, so the budget gets approved normally in November or December, either the November meeting or the December meeting, so we will be starting to discuss the budget sometime this month.

Sheila from Shiloh replied, what is the likely hood of, we spent about maybe two-thousand on vaccines maybe by the end of the year it might be three-thousand or four-thousand at most. Is that something that the county could consider in the budget?

Robert Trentman replied in the plan that I read, we are going to try to help rescues and fostering programs, so to make animals leave our animal control easier and smoother and help you guys out, I mean it is open for discussion, so we will be working on things as we go. I think this is going to be good and with you guys help it will work.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied that is a huge thing is the vaccines and again the free vetting that we just went through Banfield, like anytime and maybe that is something that we look at more often, because it does, for groups like ours we are stuck on a budget and we can only rescue or pull what we have money for. It is very helpful, so thank you.

Robert Trentman replied, let me ask you a question, what was the scenario of getting those animals out of animal control again, the ten.

Jamie Case, Gateway Pet Guardian replied, Banfield opened a new clinic in Clayton, oh I'm sorry, Richmond Heights and so it was like they invited rescues to come in and it gave their techs and their Doctors the opportunity to all work together and get some things done and practice, it's not practice, they are fully licensed and everything, just working together as a team. So they offered this the week before they opened, I think they open this week, and then so they came to us and said we will take whatever you want, so we gave them everything that we had, and we went into the community in East Saint Louis and said this dog has an ear infection, this, this, this. So they came to us and said we have room for ten more, we told them we did not have it in our budget to pull ten more dogs from animal control, but, I will call Jim and see if maybe we can work together to make those more transferable, make them more adoptable, and that is not money you are spending either, to get them fixed if they are going on the adoption floor.

Robert Trentman replied, that is great, great news.

Shelly Korves, Belleville Area Humane Society replied, kind of along those lines I thought about this for a while and this is not to put you on the spot Chairman, but when I do the Gift of the Heart fundraiser at Christmas time to provide gifts for needy children in St. Clair County, would it be possible not at the same time of year obviously but maybe another time of the year to come together as a community and not so much as individual rescues, and fund raise to vet some of these animals and provide things that whether it is heartworm treatment or I mean there is always some reason that something usually when they linger for a long time there, there is usually something that they need that's maybe going to be cost prohibited for the rescues. It pulls together a little bit of a different audience then who we all pull for our fundraisers. If everybody pulls together.

Mark Kern, Chairman, St. Clair County replied, it just takes volunteers to put, a lot of volunteers to put something like that on but if we are all together.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Gomric. Second by Mr.Boch. Motion carried.

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 07/01/18 to 07/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	ABANDON	0	2	0	0	2
	OWNER D	0	6	0	0	6
	POLICE	0	4	0	0	4
	TOTAL	0	12	0	0	12
EUTH REQ	OTC OWN	4	6	0	0	10
	TOTAL	4	6	0	0	10
OWNER SUR	FIELD	0	2	0	0	2
	NIGHT	0	0	1	0	1
	OTC	9	21	27	10	67
	TOTAL	9	23	28	10	70
RETURN	OTC	0	2	2	0	4
	TOTAL	0	2	2	0	4
STRAY		2	6	0	0	8
	FIELD	1	21	1	6	29
	OTC	20	32	41	8	101
	TOTAL	23	59	42	14	138
TOTAL		36	102	72	24	234

Kennel Statistics Report

Outcomes from 07/01/18 to 07/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
ADOPTION	REFERAL	0	2	0	2	4
	WALKIN	2	2	12	1	17
	WEB	0	7	8	1	16
	TOTAL	2	11	20	4	37
DIED	IN KENNEL	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	0	0	1	0	1
EUTH	BEHAV HIST	0	3	0	0	3
	BEHAV OBSV	0	3	0	0	3
	MEDICAL	13	6	12	1	32
	TOTAL	13	12	12	1	38
RELOCATE		3	9	19	6	37
	TOTAL	3	9	19	6	37
RTO	MICROCHIP	3	7	0	0	10
	PHONE	0	4	0	0	4
	TAG LIC	0	1	0	0	1
	WALKIN	1	17	0	1	19
	WEB	0	3	0	0	3
	TOTAL	4	32	0	1	37
TRANSFER		13	44	15	11	83
	TOTAL	13	44	15	11	83
TOTAL		35	108	67	23	233

Kennel Statistics Report

Intakes from 07/01/18 to 07/31/18

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
CONFISCATE	CAHOKIA	0	5	0	0	5
	EAST ST LO	0	5	0	0	5
	WASHINGTON	0	2	0	0	2
	TOTAL	0	12	0	0	12
EUTH REQ	BELLEVILLE	2	3	0	0	5
	CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
	TOTAL	4	6	0	0	10
OWNER SUR		0	0	0	7	7
	BELLEVILLE	3	8	10	0	21
	CAHOKIA	0	5	0	0	5
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
	COLUMBIA	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	4	0	1	5
	FAIRVIEW H	3	3	0	0	6
	LEBANON	2	0	8	0	10
	O FALLON	0	0	8	0	8
	SHILOH	0	0	2	0	2
	SWANSEA	0	2	0	2	4
	TOTAL	9	23	28	10	70
RETURN	BELLEVILLE	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	0	2	0	2
	TOTAL	0	2	2	0	4
STRAY		0	0	1	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	7	15	25	4	51
	CAHOKIA	0	8	0	4	12

		CAT	DOG	KITTEN	PUPPY	TOTAL
STRAY	CASEYVILLE	2	1	2	0	5
	CENTREVIL	0	0	1	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	1	1	4	0	6
	DUPO	1	3	0	0	4
	EAST ST LO	2	17	2	1	22
	FAIRMONT C	2	0	0	0	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	1	3	5
	FREEBURG	0	4	0	0	4
	NEW ATHEN	1	2	0	0	3
	O FALLON	6	3	4	1	14
	SUMMERFIE	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	1	2	2	1	6
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
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ADOPTION		0	1	6	0	7
	BELLEVILLE	1	4	6	2	13
	CAHOKIA	0	2	1	1	4
	CASEYVILLE	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	0	1	1	2
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	FREEBURG	0	0	1	0	1
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
	MILLSTADT	0	1	0	0	1
	O FALLON	0	0	5	0	5
	TOTAL	2	11	20	4	37
DIED	SWANSEA	0	0	1	0	1
	TOTAL	0	0	1	0	1
EUTH		0	0	1	0	1
	BELLEVILLE	3	4	5	0	12
	CAHOKIA	1	1	0	0	2
	CASEYVILLE	2	1	0	0	3
	CENTREVIL	0	0	1	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	EAST ST LO	1	1	2	1	5
	FAIRVIEW H	1	2	0	0	3
	FREEBURG	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	3	0	0	0	3
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	1	3	0	4
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
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	CASEYVILLE	0	0	1	0	1
	EAST ST LO	0	4	0	0	4
	FAIRVIEW H	1	0	0	1	2
	O FALLON	1	0	7	1	9
	SHILOH	0	0	1	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL	3	9	19	6	37
RTO	BELLEVILLE	2	10	0	0	12
	CAHOKIA	0	2	0	0	2
	CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	7	0	0	7
	FAIRVIEW H	0	1	0	0	1
	FREEBURG	0	3	0	0	3
	NEW ATHEN	0	2	0	0	2
	O FALLON	0	1	0	0	1
	SMITHTON	1	0	0	0	1
	SUMMERFIE	0	1	0	0	1
	SWANSEA	0	3	0	1	4
	TOTAL	4	32	0	1	37
TRANSFER		0	2	0	7	9
	ALORTON	0	2	0	0	2
	BELLEVILLE	6	9	7	0	22
	CAHOKIA	0	7	0	3	10
	CASEYVILLE	1	2	0	0	3
	CENTREVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLLINSVIL	0	1	0	0	1
	COLUMBIA	0	1	0	0	1
	DUPO	0	1	0	0	1
	E CARONDE	0	2	0	0	2
	EAST ST LO	0	11	0	0	11

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TRANSFER	FAIRMONT C	2	0	4	0	6
	FAIRVIEW H	1	2	0	0	3
	FREEBURG	0	1	0	0	1
	LEBANON	1	0	0	0	1
	MASCOUTA	0	0	0	1	1
	NEW ATHEN	1	0	0	0	1
	O FALLON	1	0	4	0	5
	SMITHTON	0	1	0	0	1
	WASHINGTON	0	1	0	0	1
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Animals Left In Shelter on 07/31/18: 127