

St. Clair County Animal Services

Minutes for Meeting

Conference Room: 5:30 P.M.

October 30th, 2023

Members Present:

Robert Trentman, Chairman
Scott Greenwald, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Harry Hollingsworth
G.W. Scott, Jr.
Mike O'Donnell
Robert Wilhelm

Others Present:

Ashley Jett, Animal Services Director
Mark Kern, St Clair County Board Chairman
Robert Allen, County Board member
Herb Simmons, Emergency Management Agency
Randy Pierce
Annie Bittle
James Gomric, States Attorney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Trentman.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call and a quorum declared present.

Public Comment:

Mr. Trentman: Please keep your questions or comments to about 2 minutes and direct them towards this chair.

Mr. Hollingsworth: In the 1400 block of 43rd Street In East Saint Louis, we have around 4 or 5 pitbulls just randomly on people's porch, outside, on the grounds, just whatever. So we need someone to look out there and see if they can see. I think people just let them go because they are great looking dogs, but they are strays and it seems like they are someone's dog. I've been feeding some of them around by my house, outside and across the street. 1424 N 43rd Street and you'll see some pitbulls, about 4 of them, in or out of the street.

Mr. Trentman: Alright, does anyone else have anything?

Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION: by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of September 25th, 2023 meeting.
Second by Mr. Wilhelm.**

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Ashley Report

Mr. Trentman: Ashley, whatcha got?

Ashley: Not really much besides we are full. We are getting calls and calls and calls daily about straying animals, abandoned animals, injured animals, people trying to surrender animals. I don't know if you seen my post the other day, but we had a dog that was dumped on highway 15, and then ended up getting hit by a car because the people dumped him on the road. So that's what we are dealing with. We just had another hit by car dog come in at 4:20 this afternoon. Nothing is really changing, it is just getting worse. Way too many animals and nowhere to put them. On a good note, we are having a vaccine clinic. We have it posted on all of our Facebook platforms and pages, and its on the county website. It's a low-cost vaccine clinic. The first one is on Wednesday, and then one on the 15th, and another on the 29th. Rabies vaccination, microchipping, distemper booster, rabies tag registration – and it's \$45 or under for all of those services. As far as adoptions, we did an adoption event again last month and we will have another one in December through Bissell. We did 14 adoptions just throughout that 2 week time span. Other than that, we are preparing for Gifts from the Heart to take all of the dogs and cats there, and we will have the adoption certificates where they can do the raffle for the chairman's event and that's pretty much all that is going on.

Mr. Trentman: How many animals do you plan on taking over there?

Ashley: A lot, yeah I am going to take a lot this year.

Mr. Trentman: Good.

Ashley: Last year we didn't have a whole lot of time to prepare but I had a couple of weeks this time. So we are going to take probably 12 total. A whole bunch of cats/kittens and some dogs.

Mr. Kern: And we can draw 12 tickets.

Ashley: I was going to say that I can do more than 2 adoption certificates too. I was just going to plan on making a whole bunch of them. If people are interested, I have some really pretty cats that we will have there.

Mr. Trentman: I'll tell you what. When I do drive up and down 11th Street, I always see people out walking dogs.

Ashley: We have a good staff right now. All of our positions are full except one and I don't think that I need to fill another warden's position right now. We already have two and we can't go on a lot of our calls right now anyways, but I hired a couple part-time people to fill in in the afternoons and it's working out really well. The dogs are getting out more and we are able to do more playgroups, just things like that. We have been doing a lot of fundraising. We have a couple of dogs with special circumstances that needed fixed, and we ended up raising \$2200 with Sheila and the Advocates page for a dog that needed an ACL surgery. We also just did a little kitten that was attacked by a raccoon, and he got a face job and neutered all last week. So yeah, it's good. We are just trying to do different things and get out there and do something different.

MOTION: by Mr. Mosley to approve Ashley's report. Second by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried.

Mr. Trentman: We have no ordinances or resolutions. On other business, Chet Kelly donated 70 bales of straw down to Gateway so I'll be hauling them down to them next week. Which is nice, they can use it. They straw a lot of doghouses down there. Chet Kelly's law firm donated 70 bales and I'll take care of that this week. Anything else to come before this board or committee. Anyone else have anything to say?

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Greenwald. Second by Mr. Scott.

Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Motion carried.



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Intakes from 10/1/2023 to 10/31/2023

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL	40	6	14	32	92
CONFISCATE	4	0	0	0	4
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH REQ	2	0	0	0	2
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
OWNER SUR	8	2	1	0	11
BELLEVILLE	7	2	0	0	9
DUPO	0	0	1	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	0	1
RETURN	7	0	0	0	7
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	2	0	0	0	2
SWANSEA	3	0	0	0	3
STRAY	19	4	13	32	68
BELLEVILLE	9	0	3	23	35
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
DUPO	1	0	0	1	2
EAST ST LOUIS	3	0	0	0	3
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	0	0	3	1	4
FREEBURG	0	0	2	0	2
LEBANON	2	0	0	0	2
LENZBURG	0	4	0	0	4
MASCOUTAH	0	0	1	2	3
O FALLON	0	0	2	3	5
SHILOH	1	0	1	2	4

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	TOTAL
SMITHTON	0	0	1	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1



Kennel Statistics, Including Animals Left

Outcomes from 10/1/2023 to 10/31/2023

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
GRAND TOTAL	34	3	16	28	81
ADOPTION	9	1	0	8	18
BELLEVILLE	2	1	0	6	9
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
CASEYVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	2	0	0	0	2
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	1	2
FREEBURG	0	0	0	1	1
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1	0	0	0	1
EUTH	2	0	0	0	2
BELLEVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
RELOCATE	10	2	0	11	23
BELLEVILLE	3	1	0	9	13
CAHOKIA	2	0	0	0	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	0	0	1
LENZBURG	0	1	0	0	1
MASCOUTAH	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	1	0	0	2	3
SWANSEA	1	0	0	0	1
RTO	7	0	5	0	12
BELLEVILLE	5	0	2	0	7
CAHOKIA	1	0	0	0	1
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
O FALLON	0	0	2	0	2
SHILOH	0	0	1	0	1
TRAN IN ST	6	0	11	9	26

	DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
BELLEVILLE	2	0	4	3	9
CASEYVILLE	0	0	0	1	1
COLLINSVILLE	1	0	0	0	1
DUPO	0	0	1	1	2
EAST ST LOUIS	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRVIEW HEIGHT	1	0	1	2	4
FREEBURG	0	0	3	0	3
O FALLON	0	0	0	1	1
SHILOH	0	0	0	1	1
SMITHTON	0	0	1	0	1
SWANSEA	1	0	1	0	2

Animals Left In Shelter
on 10/31/23

DOG	PUPPY	CAT	KITTEN	Total
44	4	17	13	78