



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, January 5, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Peg Morrisroe, & Bill Urquhart

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CSO Poirier and Recording Secretary K. Hodge

Others Present: None

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

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Morrisroe made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. **Review Case #14-25755**

Commissioner Morrisroe read the police report on the incident.

Mr. Philip Spagnolo, the dog owner, stated that victim came to pick up her son, ran to the dogs to play and grabbed Buddy by the head. Buddy then scraped the victim's hand with his teeth. The victim went to Lutheran General Hospital, but they told her that she also had to make a police report when being treated for a dog bite. The victim was reluctant, and did not want to sign the ticket. Mr. Spagnolo stated that he went to the adjudication hearing, and the case was dismissed.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked how old the dog was and if they have other dogs. Mr. Spagnolo said Buddy is two years old and they have another Saint Bernard, and the dogs are brothers that are neutered, chipped and regularly go to the vet. They are very obedient.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Buddy growls or snaps. Mr. Spagnolo said no.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked if an incident like this has happened before. Mr. Spagnolo said no.

Commissioner Urquhart asked if the dogs mind having lots of people around, and Mr. Spagnolo said they have never had any issues with that.

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to not consider the dog “at risk” and dismiss the case. Chairwoman Gobbo seconded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that Buddy was not “at-risk” or “dangerous.” The case was dismissed.

Mr. Spagnolo added that he put Buddy through a therapy session and he did well.

2. **Review Case #14-26259**

Commissioner Morrisroe stated that the dog owner notified the City that she was not available to attend this meeting. The Commission agreed to reschedule this case for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6 p.m.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.