



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, January 30, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Kevin Collins, Marion Ignoffo, Bill Urquhart

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Administrative Supervisor R. Davis, Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel

Others Present:

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

- I. **Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All commissioners were present. There was a quorum.
- II. **Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. The motion passed.
- III. **Action Items**

1. **Review Case #16-03568**

The following persons indicated their presence: dog owner Ms. Carey Fear. Commissioner Collins read the summary of this case. Ms. Fear recapped her version of the incident: the children are middle school age and were running in the house, the dog became excited. The children were unsupervised at this time. The victim picked the dog up to kiss the dog and the dog reacted by biting. She stated the dog has no prior incidents and now they put the dog in the mudroom when children are visiting and her children can no longer have friends over without supervision.

Commissioner Urquhart inquired about the recovery of the victim. Ms. Fear stated the victim had recovered and the puncture wound required a stitch or two. She added all vaccination paperwork was provided and the vaccinations are up to date. Commissioner Urquhart asked if the dog had training and Ms. Fear responded yes, and that the dog was socialized.

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to dismiss this case. Commissioner Collins seconded. Motion carried.

2. **Review Case #17-00007**

The following persons indicated their presence: Ms. Valerie Westphal, Mr. Gerald Westphal - victim's owners. Anne Swing and Mary Swing, offender's owner. Commissioner Collins read a recap of the incident and asked the Westphal's for their version. Valerie Westphal stated she was walking their dog around 5:00 p.m. on 12/30/2016 when the 2 offending dogs came out of their front door and at her dog. Someone pulled the dogs off. The Westphal's noticed a puncture wound 2 days later. The victim dog was treated for the wound.

Commissioner Ignoffo asked if the offending dogs were leashed. Mr. Westphal responded he was not sure which dog that did the biting was and not exactly whose dog is was at first.

Ms. Mary Swing responded that her son let the dogs out and they were running to the car unleashed. She had no other information from her son regarding the incident. She stated they walk the dogs on leashes. Commissioner Collins inquired about prior incidents. Ms. Mary Swing stated there were no prior incidents. Commissioner Urquhart inquired about obedience training. Ms. Mary Swing stated the Rottweiler had training; the Pointer had not and reiterated they are walked on leashes. Ms. Anne Swing also stated the dogs are walked on leashes. Mr. Westphal stated he has seen the dogs being walked on leashes in the past.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to dismiss. Commissioner Urquhart added this seems to be an isolated incident. The dogs must be on leash at all times. The description of an At Risk dog was provided. Commissioner Ignoffo also stated she felt this was a one time occurrence.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to dismiss. Commissioner Ignoffo seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Discussion

None.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.