



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, September 14, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: Peg Morrisroe & Bill Urquhart

Members Absent:

Staff Present: CSO Manager D. Hayse, Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. **Review Case #15-117952 (continued from 8/24/15 meeting)**

Ms. Juvita Antillon (victim), was present for this case. Commissioner Morrisroe summarized the police report, and asked Ms. Antillon to clarify her questions related to the incident. Ms. Antillon stated a home owner on Oakton told her and her granddaughter to run into their home. Her granddaughter went inside. The dogs were charging at her and her smaller dog. Her finger was bitten and she was knocked to the ground. The dogs were not leashed and had no collars on. The caretaker of the dogs, Mr. Rodriguez had a hard time getting the dogs under control. Commissioner Morrisroe asked if she attended the hearing. She responded yes and that the owner was not present. The owner has not contacted her.

Mr. Rodriguez was asked why the offending dogs had no collars and he responded he had given them a bath prior to this incident. The owner, Mr. Barjaktarevic said the dogs are kenneled outside and is currently in the process of having the driveway paved and ultimately gates installed.

Commissioner Urquhart asked about the size of the kennels and if the dogs were walked. The owner stated they are kenneled and when his son comes home from school they are walked and played with. He stated the dogs are ok when visitors come. The owner provided a picture of the kennels. The dogs have not been to obedience training and are not neutered or spayed. All vaccinations are up to date. Socialization and deposition of the dogs was discussed.

Both Commissioners stated concerns due to the fact that they are large dogs and there was no fence enclosing the property. The caretaker of the dogs on that day, Mr. Rodriguez stated that on the day of the incident the female dog was going after the victim dog as he was trying to get hold of the male dog and take him back to the garage. The owner of the home where the incident happened was yelling at Mr. Rodriguez. The owner continued to yell at Mr. Rodriguez even after the dogs were placed in their garage.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if the dogs were ever allowed in the house. Mr. Barjaktarevic stated no, but each dog has a dog house in the heated garage.

Commissioner Morrisroe was concerned because there is no gate and the dogs could not be confined and this could be repeated again. If a gate had been in place this incident may not have happened.

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to deem the dogs “at-risk” and Commissioner Morrisroe seconded the motion. Commissioner Urquhart read and explained what “at-risk” meant and what would be required of the owner. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the dogs were “at-risk”.

Ms. Antillon asked about reimbursement for her inability to work due to the bite on her finger. Commissioners responded that issue is handled in small claims court.

2. Review Case #15-17906

Offending dog owner, Ms. Lauren Maloney, was present for this case. Commissioner Morrisroe summarized the police report. Ms. Maloney stated that her dog, Keeper, was up to date on vaccinations and had been to obedience training and that the dogs did know each other. Commissioner Morrisroe asked if the victim dog, Cookie, needed medical attention, and Ms. Maloney stated that the dog was treated by a vet and Ms. Maloney paid the bill. She was not home at the time of the incident and does not know how or why her dog got out.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if the victim dog required stitches, and Ms. Maloney stated she did not know the detail of the injury. Ms. Maloney stated that Keeper is socialized and has no issues other dogs. Per her knowledge, the victim dog is okay. A new front door has been installed and a new screen door will be installed at their home.

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

Ms. Maloney asked for some suggestions of what she could do as far as a training refresher. Commissioner Urquhart described some training help and re-taking an obedience training class was suggested.

IV. Old Business

Commissioner Urquhart asked if there was proof that Bowser had been down and CSO Manager Hayse said yes, he had an invoice from Golf Rose Animal Hospital with the date and description of the services provided.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.