



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, May 4, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Peg Morrisroe & Bill Urquhart

Members Absent:

Staff Present: CSO Poirier and Recording Secretary K. Hodge

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 February 2, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. **Review Case #15-07325**
Commissioner Morrisroe summarized the police report.

Mr. John Zawojski, the dog owner, stated that he opened his front door to get the newspaper and his dog, Finn, ran out of the house. He called for Finn to “come”, but Finn did not obey. He did not see if Finn actually bit or clawed at the other dog. When he walked over to the other dog owner, Mr. Lawson apologized and Mr. Zawojski also apologized. They both said everyone was ok and parted ways. Approximately 30 minutes later, the police arrived at Mr. Zawojski’s house.

Commissioner Urquhart clarified that once a person goes for treatment on a dog bite, the police are notified.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked what type of dog Finn is. Mr. Zawojski stated Finn is a male Springer-Spaniel mix, weighs about 60 pounds, and he is neutered.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Finn has had any other issues with biting and what kind of dog the other dog was. Mr. Zawojski stated Finn has not had any other biting incidents, and the other dog appeared to be a small poodle-looking dog.

Commissioner Urquhart asked if Finn is socialized and how he behaves on walks. Mr. Zawojski stated that Finn has played with other dogs, although with

the recent canine flu he has not gone to dog parks. Finn also socializes with three children next door to him. When he walks Finn, he does not allow Finn to visit with other dogs. When other dogs pass, he keeps Finn close and sometimes seated until they pass.

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

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

Commissioner Morrisroe recommended that if Finn runs off again to yell “Sit” or “Stay” instead of “Come”. Also, she stated that if Finn appears before the Commission again, they may not be able to dismiss it. Commissioner Urquhart added that there are strict rules and restrictions if a dog is deemed dangerous.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Recording Secretary Hodge stated there are two new dog bite cases that need to go before the Commission. Both commissioners stated that they would review the cases at a meeting on May 18, 2015.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.