



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, October 28, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CSO Poirier and Recording Secretary K. Delk

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 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 October 21, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. The motion passed.

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #13-22369

No one was in attendance at the meeting regarding this case. CSO Poirier reported that she had spoken with the dog owner. The dog owner relayed that due to her age, as well as the age of the dog and the fact that her dog had bitten someone, she decided to put the dog down. The Commissioners stated that Staff should acquire proof that the dog was indeed put down.

The Commissioners agreed to dismiss this case subject to acquiring proof that the dog was put down.

2. Review Case #13-22121

Mr. Thomas Balsewich, “Cooper’s” owner, stated that as the visitors were entering his home, he told the children to leave the dog alone and not to play rough with the dog.

Cooper is a male, who is neutered and does have a chip. He has never received formal obedience training.

According to Mr. Balsewich, the victim had Cooper in a headlock trying to get a toy out of Cooper’s mouth. Cooper bit the victim in the mouth. The victim was taken to Lutheran General for treatment at the time of the incident.

The Commissioners, after hearing the details of the incident, decided to dismiss this case and encouraged Mr. Balsewich to purchase a crate to keep Cooper in while visitors are over.

The Commissioners all agreed that “Cooper” is not at-risk or dangerous and decided to dismiss the case.

3. Review Case #13-18792

The Commissioners all agreed to dismiss this case due to lack of attendance by the victim and dog owner.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

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