

ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD

MINUTES

September 9, 2021 | 2:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Mayor Stephen Chambers
Mark Presley

Ginny Gregory
Cliff Sallee

Teresa Turner

Members Absent:

Linda Sue Johnson

1. Call to order – 2:00pm by Stephen Chambers
2. Review of Minutes. Minutes from October 3, 2019 were reviewed.
Motion to approve minutes made by Mark Presley, seconded by Teresa Turner.

Motion Carried

3. Election of Officers
Officers are as follows:
Chair – Stephen Chambers
Vice Chair – Mark Presley
Secretary – Teresa Turner
4. Animal Shelter Director Position. Karen Grisham and Lisa Steva submitted their resignations in August 2021. Members of the Public Works staff and the Mayor's staff have been stepping in to assist with the care of a current intake. At this time we are not staffed to accept any more animals until we hire someone for the director position. Mayor Chambers has received 2 applications and will be holding interviews soon. One applicant has experience in shelter work; although the Mayor is concerned with the compensation we can offer at this time. Karen Grisham has graciously agreed to keep taking the shelter phone calls and directing questions to surrounding shelters for assistance.

Mayor Chambers has been in discussions with Smith County Humane Society to take over the facility as a satellite office. SCH has questions and concerns that need to be address and the Mayor is waiting to hear what those may be. He is not hopeful on this lead.

Mark Presley voiced the need to get the position filled due to the immediate needs of the community. All agreed to this thought. Application deadline was August 27, 2021, but the County will still accept applications until the position is filled.

Motion made by Cliff Sallee and seconded by Mark Presley to allow the Mayor to handle the hiring process.

Motion Carried

Cliff Sallee would like the new hire to be introduced to the Board so expectations could be discussed.

5. Public Comment.
Chris Gregory spoke on behalf of the Rotary. The Rotary does a project each year and the Shelter has been suggested. If the new hire could come speak to the Rotary at their convenience to discuss possible projects, it would be appreciated.
6. Adjourn – With no other business presented, Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Turner