

July 13, 2021

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury

FROM: The Public Works Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Public Works Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Third Floor, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, Tuesday, July 13,, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Matt Pullin, Chair, T.J. Cranford, Logan Hunt, and Glenn Scriber.

ABSENT: Theresa Wyatt

Matt Pullin called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, and Pullin

ABSENT: Wyatt

Mr. Pullin noted that there was no Old Business.

First item of New Business on the agenda was to accept bids for a Chip Spreader. Doug Postel, Parish Administrator, reminded the committee that the chip spreader will be an upgraded piece of equipment. The budget for the equipment was in the amount of \$350,000.00. After discussion, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to recommend accepting the bid of \$348,973.00 from Doggett Machinery Services. After further discussion, the motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, and Pullin

ABSENT: Wyatt

Next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action on animal control ordinance. Mr. Postel explained that the proposed ordinance was a combination of the existing animal control ordinance that needed to be updated and the vicious dog ordinance. Rob Sasser, Lincoln Parish Animal Control was present for discussion and questions. After discussion, Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by T.J. Cranford, to approve the revisions of the animal control ordinance as printed.

Chapter 4

ANIMALS AND FOWL

Art. I. In General, §§ 4-1 – 4-15

Art. II. Dogs, §§ 4-16 – 4-28

Div. 1. Generally, §§ 4-16 – 4-25

Div. 2. Rabies Vaccination, §§ 4-26 – 4-28

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 4-1. Ownership.

All animals, legally owned by citizens of this state and by citizens of other states, that are located in the Parish of Lincoln, are declared to be personal property of such citizens. Owners of stated animals shall be liable for the actions of their animal.

Sec. 4-2. Animals roaming at large.

No person shall allow any animal in his or her possession, or kept on his or her premises, to run at large on any unenclosed land, or trespass upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands of another.

Sec. 4-3. Impounding and disposition of strays.

Any citizen, law enforcement officer, or governmental appointee may seize any animal found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and running at large on any road, street, or other public place, or trespassing on any premises other than the premises of the owner. If the animal is wearing a collar showing the name, address, phone number of its owner, or micro-chipped, it shall be impounded, and the citizen or officer seizing the animal shall notify the owner. If the animal is seized by a citizen, and the owner cannot be identified, he or she shall notify animal control immediately. The owner of the animal shall, within 7 days of notification, claim the animal and pay any fees incurred in the holding of the animal. The citizen may notify animal control to hold or surrender the animal. If the animal is unclaimed or has no owner identification, then the animal will be considered a stray and allowed for adoption or euthanized in a humane way.

Sec. 4-4. Fines and penalties.

Any owner allowing their animal to run at large shall be fined as follows:

1st offense: \$150.00

2nd offense: \$250.00

3rd offense: \$500.00 and/or 30 days in jail with mandatory surrender of the animal

Sec. 4-5. Tethering.

Any tethered animals should be in an area free of any obstruction that could inhibit freedom of movement. Tethered animals should have a separate collar with owner's name, address, and/phone number. Tethered livestock should no be further than 100 feet from paddock. For dogs, the tether should be of sufficient strength to contain the animal without being so heavy as to inhibit freedom of movement. Tether length should be a minimum of three times the length of the dog when measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be fines as follows:

1st offense: \$150.00

2nd offense: \$250.00

3rd offense: \$500.00 and/or 30 days in jail with mandatory surrender of the animal

Secs. 4-6 – 4-15. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. DOGS

DIVISION I. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-16. Vicious dogs

The owner of any dog(s) that has attacked unprovoked, off the owner's property, any domesticated animal, shall be liable for any financial expenses related to the attack. The dog may be seized and held pending a determination of disposition and medical health. If the dog is seized, a bond hearing may be requested before the return of said dangerous dog to the owner. Dogs harassing livestock may be handled as per Louisiana Title 3: Sections 2651-2691. In the event of a dog(s) attacking a person, it shall be handled as per LA R.S. 14:39 and 14:102.18. Fines shall be as follows:

1st offense: \$500 and/or 30 days in jail

2nd offense: \$500 and/or 30 days in jail and mandatory surrender of the dog

Sec. 4-17. Exception(s)

Specifically, nothing in this ordinance shall prevent any citizen of this state from lawfully using a hunting or working dog provided the dog is accompanied by the owner or keeper.

Secs. 4-18 – 4-25. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. RABIES VACCINATION

Sec. 4-26. Required.

Every person owning or possessing a dog shall cause each said dog to be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian licensed in the state per Louisiana Administrative Code - Title 51. (Ord. No. 171, §§ 1, 2, 4, 3-4-35)

Sec. 4-27. Tag.

- (a) Upon vaccinating a dog against rabies the veterinarian shall supply the person obtaining the vaccination with a numbered metal tag showing that the dog has been vaccinated.
- (b) The owner or possessor of a dog shall cause a valid dog tag issued for said dog to be attached to the dog at all times.
- (c) No person shall change or cause to be changed such metal tag from one dog to another dog. (Ord. NO. 171, §§4-6,8, 3-4-35)
- (d) The penalty for violation of this section shall be fines as follows:

1st offense: \$25.00

2nd offense: \$50.00

3rd offense: \$100.00

Sec. 4-28. Records of veterinarians.

A veterinarian administering rabies vaccine to a dog shall record in a register book or electronic register the tag number assigned to each dog, the date of vaccination, a description of the dog, and the name of the owner and/or possessor thereof. (Ord 171, § 2, 3-4-35)

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, and Pullin

ABSENT: Wyatt

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

July 13, 2021

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Matt Pullin
Chair