



# CITY OF NORMAN, OK ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING - SPECIAL MEETING

Animal Welfare Center, 3428 South Jenkins Ave, Multipurpose Room,  
Norman, OK 73072

Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

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### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Co-Chairperson Mark Howery

Co-Chairperson Rebecca Bean

Committee Member Kim Fairbanks

Committee Member Kristy Wicker

Committee Member Sandy Moore-Furneaux

### APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES

Kristy Wicker suggested changing WildCare Sanctuary to WildCare Center. Kristy Wicker made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Kim Fairbanks seconded. The motion passed.

### DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FY'25 BUDGET REQUESTS

Kellee Robertson briefly went over the submitted items for the fiscal year 2025 budget season. They are an additional Registered Vet Technician (fulltime), increasing food and vet supply budget line items, and an additional line item for the following years of \$120,000 for kennel replacements. The shelter kennels are already starting to see wear and tear after seven years. This additional budget request would cover the replacement of one dog room each year.

The budget retreat is March 1, 2024. The committee discussed writing up a letter of support for these items to send to city council and other department leaders. Mark Howery volunteered to write the letter of recommendation.

Sandy Moore-Furneaux moved to send a letter of support for the budget items requested by Norman Animal Welfare. Kim Fairbanks seconded.

## **HANDS HELPING PAWS' ANIMAL WELFARE EXPO, MARCH 23RD 2024**

### **DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION TO USE DONATION ACCOUNT FUNDS**

Hands Helping Paws' Expo event is March 23rd. Kim Fairbanks said that in addition to NAW vet staff, Second Chance and WildCare will both be participating in the event. Kim Fairbanks asked for the use of donation funds to cover some of the disposable supplies not left over from the past years event, as well as to order vaccinations for the event this year. An amount of \$5,000-6,000 total. She hoped to have as many or more animals than last year's event which helped complete 117 spay/neuters and 102 vaccinations. The event advertises that vaccines are \$15.00 apiece, and the spay/neuter fee is \$30 or \$50 depending on cat or dog.

Kim Fairbanks recused herself from the discussion and vote on whether to support the event with donation funds.

There was discussion about the use of donation funds to buy the vaccines, when there is a fee being charged for the vaccines from the public.

Kristy Wicker made a motion to support any funds used for the event as negotiated between Hands Helping Paws and Norman Animal Welfare. Sandy Moore-Furneaux seconded. The motion passed.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Major Brent Barbour spoke about Kellee Robertson graduating from the Best Friends of Pets Executive Leadership program.

### **CALL FOR MARCH AGENDA ITEMS**

Items for next month's agenda could include changes coming to the Animal Welfare Oversight Committee and a discussion or update on the ordinance changes.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mark D. Howery 3-11-2024

R. Beer 3-11-24