



Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Oelwein City Hall, 20 Second Avenue SW, Oelwein, Iowa

February 28, 2022 - 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present- Weber, Payne, Lenz, DeVore, Mulfinger

Discussions

1. Discussion of vicious animal appeal of Dow and Rohrick.

Weber opened the meeting by letting all members present that he would have the Police Officer start first then allow for the dog owners to state their case.

Officer Charity Heller walked the committee through the incident in which Nathaniel Rohrick's dog Shadow and Briana Dow's dog Tango killed an unarmed domestic rabbit.

Weber and the committee did not have questions for Heller.

Weber asked Rohrick and Dow to step forward. Rohrick said he was sorry it happened and that the dogs sometimes get out. Dow also apologized and said they were working on keeping the dogs inside better. Weber asked if this was the first incident in which the dogs got out. Rohrick said it was not the first time.

Weber walked the owner through the four points in which the city uses to deem a dog vicious.

1. "Vicious Dog" means:

- A. Any dog which when unprovoked, in a vicious or terrorizing manner approaches any person in apparent attitude of attack upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public grounds or places; or
- B. Any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals; or
- C. Any dog which bites, inflicts injury, assaults or otherwise attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation on public or private property; or
- D. Any dog owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or any dog trained for dog fighting.

Payne motioned to deem both dogs vicious under section C of the vicious dog ordinance. Lenz seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Weber let the owners know that the City would be in contact for the next steps the owners must take.

Adjournment