

Gallup-McKinley County Animal Control Authority
July 10th, 2018 Minutes
City Council Chambers

The Regular Meeting of the Gallup-McKinley County Animal Control Authority was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairwoman Cherry Menapace.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Cherry Menapace
Patty Holland
Billy Moore

Upon roll call, the following were absent:

Dr. Oscar A. Palomo, MD
Dorie Rowberry

Prior to the approval of the meeting minutes, Board Member Palomo arrived.

Presented to the Chairwoman and Authority Board Members for their approval were the minutes of the April 10th, 2018 meeting. Board Member Moore motioned for approval of minutes as presented. Seconded by Board Member Holland. Motion Carried.

Upon roll call, the following votes were:

Billy Moore (Yes)
Patty Holland (Yes)
Dr. Oscar A. Palomo, MD (Yes)

ITEM ONE: Quarterly Financial Report

Patty Holland, City of Gallup's Chief Financial Officer informed the Board Members that the Animal Control Quarterly Report included data from the third quarter of fiscal year 2018. Overall the department was right on track with spending the amount of funds that they were awarded at the beginning of the fiscal year. Thus far they have spent about seventy-five percent (75%) of their budget. Board Member Holland stated that their budget didn't appear to have any issues because they budgeted appropriately and were able to stay fully staffed for most of the year.

Board Member Moore asked Board Member Holland about the Overtime account (101-2012-421-41-50) on Page 1-1 where it showed that there was a negative amount of -\$214. Board Member Holland explained that Animal Control had went a little over budget on overtime and before the fiscal year was closed out they would move dollars from the

Group Insurance account (101-2012-421-42-50) to cover that cost. She noted how there was one (1) more quarter left in the fiscal year whereas in the last quarter adjustments would be made.

Motion was made by Board Member Moore to accept the quarterly financial report. Seconded by Board Member Palomo. Motion Carried.

Upon roll call, the following votes were:

Billy Moore (Yes)
Dr. Oscar A. Palomo, MD (Yes)
Patty Holland (Yes)

ITEM TWO: FY 2019 Final Approved Budget

Patty Holland, City of Gallup's Chief Financial Officer informed the Board Members that the final approved report for fiscal year 2019 was the same report previously presented to them. However, there was a minor modification, per the City Manager's direction to do a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for all Animal Control employees. They also increased the cost share on the health insurance where the City's contributions were changed from seventy percent (70%) to eighty percent (80%). Those updated changes were reflected in the budget presented to the City Council and the County Commissioners who both approved the final budget. Board Member Holland explained how she also wanted to present the final numbers to the Board.

Motion was made by Board Member Moore to accept the FY 2019 final approved budget. Seconded by Board Member Palomo. Motion Carried.

Upon roll call, the following votes were:

Billy Moore (Yes)
Dr. Oscar A. Palomo, MD (Yes)
Patty Holland (Yes)

ITEM THREE: Update concerning the outcome of recent meetings regarding the influx of Navajo Nation animals

Cosy Balok, Animal Control Coordinator spoke about the meeting she had with the Navajo Nation Animal Control where the City Manager was also present. She summarized the meeting by stating that the Navajo Nation Animal Control wasn't willing to help with anything because of their lack of resources. Cosy spoke about how the issue has been brought to their attention numerous times, however they fail to work together to come up with a solution.

Board Member Moore asked if there were any future meetings planned. Cosy stated no. Board Member Moore suggested continuing to look for other alternatives to help with

the influx of Navajo Nation animals. Cosy spoke about how Edmund Yazzie was trying to coordinate and bring the two organizations together, but there was nothing they could do. There was a discussion between Board Members and staff about possible grants to help the Navajo Nation with their influx of animals. However that would be difficult for Gallup Animal Control to coordinate because Navajo Nation was out of their jurisdiction. Clyde (C.B.) Strain, Planning & Development Director spoke about how Navajo Nation Animal Control Director, Glenda Davis mentioned how they had low resources, no manpower or the facilities to take in their own animals. According to Ms. Davis, they wanted to start a spaying and neutering program, but are far from implementing it. C.B. continued by stating that unfortunately there were no direct answers or actual input from their meetings to help resolve the issue. Gallup Animal Control has to continue to provide services and if animals come into the City limits they have to take them in. C.B. also spoke about how they were in the beginning phase of doing a study for a new Animal Control shelter.

Cosy spoke about a complaint she received about dead dogs floating in a water system and how they couldn't doing anything because it was on the Navajo Nation. She directed the complainant to call the Navajo Nation Animal Control whereas they were told that they wouldn't check into it until October. Board Member Holland also suggested referring them to the Environmental Protection Agency.

There was a brief discussion between Board Members about how they've also received complaints regarding animals south of Gallup.

Open Floor:
No discussion.

Motion was made by Board Member Holland to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Board Member Palomo. Motion Carried.

Upon roll call, the following votes were:
Patty Holland (Yes)
Dr. Oscar A. Palomo, MD (Yes)
Billy Moore (Yes)

Authority Board meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

GALLUP MCKINLEY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY

Cherry Menapace

CHAIRWOMAN CHERRY MENAPACE

ATTEST:

Clyde C. Strain

CLYDE (C.B.) STRAIN
SECRETARY TO GALLUP MCKINLEY COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY