

**MINUTES FROM THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 10th, 2014**

On the 10th day of December, 2014, at 12 p.m., the Animal Services Advisory Committee of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1505 Precinct Line Rd.

The following members were present:

Assistant Chief Steven Niekamp - City of Hurst

Animal Services Officer Michelle Watson – City of Keller

ASO Supervisor Debra Brantner - City of Hurst

Veterinarian Dr. George Moses

The meeting was called to order and the following business was conducted:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Considered approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on August 13th, 2014. A motion was made by Assistant Chief Niekamp to approve the minutes. ASO Brantner seconded the motion. Motion prevailed by the following vote, 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of the new Animal Shelter for the City of Hurst and possibly combining with the City of Bedford, Richland Hills and the Humane Society of North Texas. Assistant Chief Winstanley, discussed the possibility of the cities combining an animal facility. Assistant Chief Winstanley stated that the idea was still in an exploratory stage and that tours were going to be conducted in December and January to the new Keller facility and the SPCA in Dallas. Dr. Moses voiced his concern of the Humane Societies reputation regarding a lack of disease control. Dr. Moses stated he liked the idea of the cities joining forces, as long as Hurst still maintained the final say in the disposition of the animals.
2. The second agenda item concerned adding another position to the Animal Services Advisory Committee. Sandra Bitz, a Hurst resident, stated that she was proud of the Hurst Animal Shelter, Debra Brantner and the animal shelter staff. Sandra stated she would like to see an animal welfare person from the community, added to the advisory board. Assistant Chief Winstanley advised Sandra Bitz that it would be up to the City Council, to add a new position or not. Sandra Bitz also wanted to know if

citizens would be able to review the plans of the new animal shelter, prior to its construction. Assistant Chief Winstanley stated that would also be up to City Council.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jennifer Alexander, a Hurst resident and a rescue person, stated that she would be willing to apply for the position on the Animal Services Advisory Committee, if it were made available.

ADJOURNMENT

The date for the next meeting was set for April 15th, 2015 at 12 p.m. Location to be at City Hall Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Asst. Chief Niekamp to adjourn the meeting. ASO Watson seconded the motion. No further matters were discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Supervisor Debra Brantner

Asst. Chief Steven Niekamp