

The Workshop Meeting of February 25, 2013 was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

MAYOR
Ron Reinhard

OTHERS
Shannan Kinsley
Susan Beavin

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle
Jennifer Nottingham
Mitch Thornton
Lynn Tiner
Jeff Waldrop

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilperson Waldrop would be arriving late this evening and arrived at 6:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS DRAFT OF NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGULATING ANIMALS

Mayor Reinhard stated the workshop this evening is to continue discussion on the proposed new animal ordinance. He stated Council last met on November 27, 2012 and finished review on page 14, Section 2.7. Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to pick up discussion and review from that point this evening. Additionally, he was given an action item at the last meeting to research the intentions of page (10), Sec. 2-1 Animal Care (d) "may not be sold at any time during the year within the city limits" and (f) "expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not". Mayor Reinhard stated he researched these items and the basic intent of (d) is so that you don't raise animals to be bred and sold in the City. For example, you don't want puppy/bunny mills, etc. There was discussion that you don't want animal mills of any sort or mistreatment of animals but you do have responsible breeding and do they want to ban that. Council agreed they would like to look further into (d) for the purpose of responsible breeding and come back to that item. Mayor Reinhard stated the intention of (f) is to not allow cruelty to animals such as poisoning. Council agreed they would leave (f) as is. Council reviewed the draft ordinance in detail through page 19, Section 3-1 (i). Minor wording changes and additions were noted for correction and or updating to the Ordinance. It was Council's consensus to change throughout the ordinance the word "horse" to "equine". Article III, Vocational Education Programs was reviewed in detail. The majority of Council agreed with the intention to allow projects based on a confined feeding program with a minimum lot size of ¼ acre. The majority of Council agreed with the intention that livestock shall not be housed within 50 feet of any adjacent property line, waterway or well. Council agreed that any property owner who does not meet lot sizes or setbacks may file an appeal for a variance to the Board of Adjustment as provided in Ordinance No. 96. There was discussion on the minimum specifications for feeding areas, shelters, pens, etc. Council agreed that since this is not necessarily their area of expertise, they would like to speak with an expert in this area to get recommendations on what the minimum requirements should be. Councilperson Thornton agreed to take this action item and get with the O'Connor Agriculture Program to get recommendations for these specifications. It was Council's consensus to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and continue discussions where left off in a workshop in the March/April time frame. Future review will start on page 19, Section 4-1, Number allowed. Mayor Reinhard asked Council to send him their availability and he will schedule a workshop.

The motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shannan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 26th day of March, 2013.

Signed: Ronald G. Reinhard
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor