

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REGULAR MEETING
October 6, 2015
4:15 P.M.
County Square – Conference Room D

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, FRED PAYNE
VICE CHAIR XANTHENE NORRIS
JOSEPH BALDWIN
JIM BURNS
LIZ SEMAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
HELEN HAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Burns provided the invocation.

Item (3) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of PWI Committee on September 15, 2015

MOTION: By Councilor Norris to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (4)

Resolution to Effectively Deal With Stray and Feral Cats

Paula Gucker addressed the Committee members with a Resolution in support of a free roaming cat program in Greenville County to implement the trap, neuter and return method of dealing with stray and feral cats. She explained there were numerous feral cats within the community, which actually are in what is called a feral cat community. Additionally, she noted fifteen percent (15%) of the cats coming into the shelter are actually feral and there is not an adoption market for feral cats. The resolution would help to reduce the over pet population of feral cats and would help the herd out in the community regarding disease. Another benefit would be the tipping of the ears of feral cats, which would distinguish them to any animal control officer, and finally it would assist in reducing the county's euthanasia rate by approximately fifteen percent which would assist in the goal of ten percent which is actually considered "no kill" facility. Ms. Gucker stated the resolution would assist in obtaining grants to help support the program.

Councilor Baldwin asked if public service could be done at the Animal Care Facility.

Ms. Gucker stated public service could be done at the facility and would be happy to arrange any for him.

Councilor Burns asked who would be trapping the cats and if it were community volunteers is the facility prepared to handle what perhaps may be many cats?

Councilor Seman added a question of who would be paying for the procedure.

Ms. Gucker stated the county would be working with the advocates within the community training them and letting them know what their role would be and also letting them know the number of cats which can be handled at a time.

Councilor Norris asked if they would be recruiting individuals to assist, especially the advocates most concerned with the issue.

Ms. Gucker stated she would be recruiting and currently there was a task force working on the steps to take in recruiting, training and familiarizing each one with policy and procedures.

MOTION:

By Councilor Seman to approve and forward the resolution regarding the Free Roaming Cat Program to County Council. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (5)

Requests and Motions by Council Members

Chairman Payne asked Ms. Gucker for an update regarding the flooding issues.

Ms. Gucker reported there was no structure flooding within the County of Greenville, two county roads went under water for a short period of time. She stated there were eleven structure damages due to trees falling. Damage assessment has already been done. She stated the county was receiving requests from other counties for assistant. The details

have not been worked out but she would provide an update once she had definite plans. She stated the county had volunteer employees ready to go wherever to provide assistance.

Item (6) Adjournment

MOTION: By Councilor Norris to adjourn. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Hahn
Administrative Coordinator