



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Location: Topeka Police Department, 320 S. Kansas Ave., LEC Classroom A

Date: April 24, 2017

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Attendance

Committee members Brendan Jensen (Chair) and Sandra Clear; Sylvia Ortiz arrived at 3:45 p.m. City staff members Lisa Robertson (Legal) and Lisa Pinkley (TPD Animal Control).

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Councilmember Brendan Jensen.

3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 7, 2017 meeting were approved.

4) Continued discussion on adding miniature pigs to TMC Title 6 Animals and/or reorganization and clean-up of TMC Title 6 Animals.

At the February 7, 2017 City Council Meeting, Councilmember Jensen moved to refer to the Public Health & Safety Committee the discussion and review of the proposed ordinance regarding miniature pigs, as well as a comprehensive review of all animal control policies (Topeka Municipal Code (TMC) Title 6 Animals).

The committee agreed to set the scope of review of Topeka Municipal Code (TMC) Title 6 Animals, to (Phase 1) incorporate miniature pigs into the current animal code and (Phase 2) revise the current animal code.

Councilmember Sandra Clear moved to approve adding miniature pigs to the TMC Title 6 Animal code. No vote was taken.

The committee asked the Council Assistant to look back at the original City Council meeting minutes to know what concerns were expressed by the Council about adding miniature pigs to the code.

Pseudo rabies was discussed; do they exist; why is it listed as a requirement to own a miniature pig? Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz would like to invite a vet to the next meeting who can provide more information on pseudo rabies and vaccines. Lisa Pinkley will invite the Shawnee County vet used by the City of Topeka Animal Control Division; Councilmember Brendan Jensen will invite the Zoo vet.

Councilmember Ortiz stated that the committee needs more information from Lisa Pinkley; a list of problems Animal Control has with the current animal code. She asked the Council Assistant to make sure she gets a hard copy of this.

Councilmember Jensen recapped; the committee will 1) meet again in a couple of weeks, with a couple of vets and some others with expertise on miniature pigs; 2) make corrections to the existing code and take to council; 3) Legal and Animal Control will provide lists of deficiencies and options to address them; 4) meet again at a later date to discuss deficiencies to the entire animal code.

A citizen asked if miniature pigs are already allowed. He expressed his opposition to allowing pigs, goats, chickens, etc. in the city limits.

The committee would like another meeting scheduled with the next couple of weeks.

Discussion on any other items before the Committee

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Video recording of this meeting can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1v7-ezg_Cc&feature=youtu.be