

**MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD  
OF September 30, 2020**

The Animal Services Advisory Board of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, convened in a Regular Session on September 30, 2020 at 6:05 p.m., via zoom format.

**Board Members present were:** Dr. Eric Trager, Mr. Bryan V. Ruiz, John Velazquez and Dr. Kirstin Hossalla.

**City Staff present:** Christopher Looney and Sandy Ellison.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Eric Trager at 6:05 pm, verifying the presence of a quorum.

**1. MINUTES**

Chairman Dr. Eric Trager introduced the minutes of the June 9, 2020 regular session meeting for consideration of approval.

- a) John Velasquez motioned to approve the minutes.
- b) Dr. Kirstin Hossalla made a motion to second the approval of the minutes.
- c) Minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

**2. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

Citizen's communication was offered via email or join the zoom.

- a) No response.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a) Section 6-76 Animal care generally. Definitions for food, water, and shelter were read by Bryan Ruiz.

Bryan Ruiz and Christopher Looney also enlightened the reasons for the request for proposed changes and additions came from City Council to review health, safety and welfare of pets within the city of New Braunfels.

Bryan Ruiz read highlighted proposed changes to the board. Discussion followed.

Section 6-76:4 ii Weather conditions. Discussion continued as to the additions of different weather conditions be defined for the ordinance intent. Dr. Trager recommended to have staff research the verbiage for proper protocols to follow for the intent of the ordinance. He also would provide the USDA and Accreditation Zoology Standards for reference.

Section 6-80 Removal of animal waste. Will be moved to Section 6-76.

Section 6-81 Storage of feed. Will be moved to Section 6-76.

Dr. Trager request a revision to strike "once daily" and word to provide at suitable interval for the species, age and condition of the animal. Discussion continued.

Section 6-5 Penalty for violation of chapter; schedule of fines. Minimum and maximum fine changes were made in the ordinance and discussed.

- i. Bryan Ruiz made a motion to have Section 6-76:4 ii go back to staff to research verbiage of outside and unattended and to accept Sections 6-5, 6-80 and 6-81 actions.
- ii. John Velasquez second this motion.
- iii. Unanimous approval by all members of the board.
- iv. Motion passed.

**4. Adjournment:**

- a) Dr. Kirstin Hossalla made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- b) Motion seconded by John Velasquez.
- c) The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Date Approved:

9/30/2020

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_