

**TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY
COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
4:00 P.M.**

The Public Safety Subcommittee of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, convened for a public meeting in the Council Chambers Conference Room, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Best called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2) ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Best, Vice-Mayor (Chair); Annie Lane, Councilmember; Jack Miller, Councilmember

Staff Present: Vince Schaan, Police Officer

Bethany Tweedy , Animal Shelter Supervisor

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Consideration and possible action to accept the May 31, 2016 meeting minutes.

MOVED by Councilmember Jack Miller, seconded by Vice-Mayor (Chair) Mike Best to approve the May 31, 2017 meeting minutes.

Vote: 3 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

4) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public is an opportunity for the public to address the Subcommittee concerning a subject that is not on the agenda. Public comment is encouraged. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes. The total time for Call to the Public may be up to 15 minutes per meeting. Committee action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date, or responding to criticism.

Donna Armstrong stated that this meeting was a waste of everyone's time.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Consideration and possible action regarding amendments to Town Code Title 9 general regulations Chapter 90 Animals.

Lieutenant Vince Schaan had the following comments:

- The Town Attorney made revisions to Chapter 90: Animals.
- Items that have a strikethrough have been removed and items that are in ALL CAPS have been added.
- On page 7 of 16 at 90.06 2 (b) there is a typo. The sentence should state “The Court shall determine whether the Town shall retain custody and control of the dog....” instead of “The Court shall determine whether to the Town...”
- Section 90.16 at page 13/16 - The word “animal” should be replaced with “dog or cat.” The word animal would include horse, cow, goat, pig, chicken, etc., as well as wild animals. Currently, officers referred wild animal incidents to Game and Fish and are not equipped to investigate incidents involving all animals. The Town officers only want to investigate dogs and cats.
- There was discussion regarding about the language in 90.01 - Dangerous Dog versus a 90.05 - Designation as Aggressive Dog. Officer Schaan explained that under 90.05 (I) if a dog is deemed to be an aggressive dog, the owner can petition the Court to de-classify the dog as aggressive and may present facts and circumstances supporting the request.
- Donna Armstrong and Deborah Pomeroy suggested that all ordinances regarding aggressive dogs be put in one section.
- There was discussion about what constitutes inhumane suffering.
- Debra Pomeroy read that 4th Amendment to the United State Constitution.

The tape ended at 46.25 minutes as Council member Jack Miller was asking about people’s concerns when a dog is seized and taken to the pound.

Deborah Pomeroy, Donna Armstrong and Council member Mike Best are going to meet to discuss the proposed changes to the Dog Ordinance. After that meeting, Mike Best will follow-up with Lieutenant Schaan.

6) NEW BUSINESS

7) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councilmember Jack Miller, seconded by Councilmember Annie Lane to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 3 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

Dated this 6th day of March, 2017.

By: *Jami C. Lewis*

Approved: August 29, 2017