

# **CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES**

City Hall Commission Chambers

Monday, March 20, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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## **CALL OR ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Mayor Michael Burns, Commissioner Joseph Nuci, Chuck Taylor, Rick Sowers, Kent Smoll reported absent.

## **WORK SESSION**

Laura Stein, Director of Dodge City Animal Shelter spoke, she stated that she would like to revise the city ordinance for pit bulls. There are parts of the ordinance that she does not feel are necessary and it makes it hard for people of Dodge City to own them. Currently the kennel part of the ordinance shows they have to be in a secure pen, she would like to change this to where they could be in a fenced area like any other dog. She would like to change the insurance part of the ordinance. She also spoke on number of pit bulls that area allowed at households. Pit bulls must still be registered and maintain the vaccinations also have them spayed and neutered if they will be within the city. She would like it to be mandatory for all breeds to be spayed and neutered. There was further discussion on the ordinance.

Melissa Rodriguez and Dawn Meredith, animal advocates, spoke on the spay and neuter of dogs. She stated she has spoken with other cities and they say it is an enforceability issue. She stated that they are for the recommendations that Laura wants.

This ordinance will be brought back to the city commission at a later meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Joseph Nuci moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

