

# **City of West Allis Meeting Minutes - Draft**

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

# **Administrative Appeals Review Board**

Mayor Dan Devine, Chair Ald. Michael J. Czaplewski and Jamie Vallejo, Members Wayne Clark, Alternate Member

Monday, June 26, 2017 4:00 PM City Hall, Room 128

#### REGULAR MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Devine at 4:00 p.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

resent 3 - Mayor Dan Devine, Ald. Michael J. Czaplewski, and Mr. Wayne Clark

Excused 1 - Ms. Jamie Vallejo

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. <u>17-00068</u> Approval of Meeting Minutes - November 29, 2016

Attachments: Draft Minutes AARB 11-29-16

A motion was made by Ald. Czaplewski, seconded by Mr. Clark, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried unanimously.

#### D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. 17-00062 Dangerous Dog Order for Appeal of Sabrina Brzycki of 807 S. 58 St.

Attachments: Appeal letter

City Clerk Schultz announced the case, and all witnesses providing testimony were sworn in. The West Allis Health Department presented the City's case regarding quarantine and the rabies vaccination.

The appellant, Sabrina Brzycki, presented her case and described the incident. She said that her dog is not dangerous and was responding in a protective manner when the police entered.

Officer Lane Olson described the incident, and said the dog was protective, but not dangerous. The subsequent dog bite protocol was followed.

A motion was made by Ald. Czaplewski, seconded by Mayor Devine, to rescind the dangerous dog designation. The motion carried by the following vote, and Ms. Schultz will mail the Board's determination to the appellant:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Czaplewski, and Mr. Clark

**No:** 0

#### **3.** 17-00063

Dangerous Dog Order for Appeal of Amy Frohwirth Horgan of 2051 S. 94 St.

#### Attachments: Appeal letter

City Clerk Schultz announced the case, and all witnesses providing testimony were sworn in. The West Allis Health Department presented the City's case regarding quarantine and the rabies vaccination.

The appellant, Amy Frohwirth Horgan, described her dog's general behavior. She said that the alleged bite victim antagonized them, and that she held the leash tight and had originally planned to cross the street. She said that her dog did not bite, and her family is moving.

John Artrip, the effected individual, said that Ms. Horgan's story was untrue, and that her dog bit him.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of severity of the incident, and the existing interpersonal conflict.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ald. Czaplewski, to rescind the dangerous dog designation. The motion carried by the following vote, and Ms. Schultz will mail the Board's determination to the appellant:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Czaplewski, and Mr. Clark

**No:** 0

# **4.** 17-00064

Dangerous Dog Order for Appeal of Charlene Glassman of 2136 S. 85 St.

#### Attachments: Appeal Letter

City Clerk Schultz announced the case, and all witnesses providing testimony were sworn in. The West Allis Health Department presented the City's case regarding quarantine and the rabies vaccination.

The appellant, Charlene Glassman, presented her case and described the incident with her two dogs at Pet World, and said she did not immediately view the occurrence.

Dean Stefanczyk described the incident and bite occurrence. He did not think the dog was dangerous, but it was nervous. He requested that Ms. Glassman be cognizant of the situation when she has her dogs with her.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ald. Czaplewski, to rescind the dangerous dog designation. The motion carried by the following vote, and Ms. Schultz will mail the Board's determination to the appellant:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Czaplewski, and Mr. Clark

**No:** 0

**5.** 17-00065

Dangerous Dog Order for Appeal of Sean and Julie McQuestion of 10421 W. Schlinger Ave.

Attachments: Appeal letter

City Clerk Schultz announced the case, and all witnesses providing testimony were sworn in. The West Allis Health Department presented the City's case regarding quarantine and the rabies vaccination.

The appellants, Sean and Julie McQuestion, presented their case and described the incident and their dog. They have since moved the mailbox and added signage.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ald. Czaplewski, to rescind the dangerous dog designation. The motion carried by the following vote, and Ms. Schultz will mail the Board's determination to the appellant:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Czaplewski, and Mr. Clark

**No:** 0

**6.** 17-00066

Dangerous Dog Order for Appeal of Patricia Goehring of 2177 S. 107 St.

Attachments: Appeal letter

City Clerk Schultz announced the case, and all witnesses providing testimony were sworn in. The West Allis Health Department presented the City's case regarding quarantine and the rabies vaccination, and that there was no report for a previous bite.

The appellant, Patricia Goehring, presented her case and described the incident while she was mowing her grass, but she did not witness the bite take place.

Discussion ensued. Ald. Czaplewski asked about the length of the leash, which has since been fixed. Mr. Clark commented on the photographs of the injury, and about the number of complaints against her dog. Ms. Goehring said there were no other bite wounds, and her dog was kicked in the past.

Ald. Czaplewski commented on the dog's defensive behavior, to make certain the leash is short, and that no additional bites occur.

A motion was made by Ald. Czaplewski, seconded by Mr. Clark, to rescind the dangerous dog designation. The motion carried by the following vote, and Ms. Schultz will mail the Board's determination to the appellant:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Czaplewski, and Mr. Clark

**No:** 0

## 7. 17-00067

Dangerous Dog Order for Appeal of Wayne Misurek of 2152 S. 97 St.

Attachments: Appeal letter

City Clerk Schultz announced the case, and all witnesses providing testimony were sworn in. The West Allis Health Department presented the City's case regarding the rabies vaccination and no other reported incidents.

The appellant, Wayne Misurek, presented his case and described the incident. He said he did not notice that his dog got out when the bite occurred.

Denise Elton described the attack on her dog and getting bit. She addressed her concerns regarding other incidents, current rabies vaccination, the safety of the children in the neighborhood, her small dog's safety, and the behavior of Mr. Misurek's dog.

Discussion ensued. Ald. Czaplewski asked about injuries sustained, barking, leashing, and the fence. Mr. Clark addressed his concerns regarding the bite victim and potential for a devastating outcome, and that this is a serious matter. Wayne Misurek indicated that his dog may have an issue with the small size of Ms. Elton's dog. Ms. Nusslock inquired about crate training, the bark collar, and the dog's aggressiveness. Mayor Devine mentioned that a dog loses its ability to protect if muzzled.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ald. Czaplewski, to uphold the dangerous dog designation, and waive the liability insurance. Mr. Misurek may petition the Board for removal of the dangerous dog designation if no other incidents occur within two years. The motion carried by the following vote, and Ms. Schultz will mail the Board's determination to the appellant:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Devine, Ald. Czaplewski, and Mr. Clark

**No:** 0

# E. ADJOURNMENT

Wayne Clark moved to adjourn the AARB meeting at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Ald. Czaplewski. The motion carried.