

**SEAGOVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015**

The quarterly meeting of the Seagoville Animal Shelter Oversight Committee was called to order at 12:45 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Sgt. Karl Bailey	Chairperson
Off. Brenda Stevens	Board Member
Dr. Ronnie Mohr, DVM	Board Member
Bettye Baker	Board Member, absent
Nancy Smith	Board Member

City Secretary Dara Crabtree was also in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. The minutes for December 16, 2014 were approved unanimously.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS

2. Receive Staff updates including:
 - a. Shelter Statistics – Sgt. Bailey provided an update on the quarterly shelter statistics.
 - b. Donation update – received to date approximately \$3,690.65 in donations through water bill.
 - c. Current Shelter Improvements – Sgt. Bailey provided an update on the replacement of gate latches.
 - d. Adoption Events – events have been slow due to recent inclement weather; advised of recent donation changes with Petsmart program (\$25.00 reduced to \$15.00); and upcoming events: HomeBank in May, Seagoville High School Arts Festival in April, Forney Trade Days and Trade Days in Seagoville.
3. Discussion followed regarding City of Seagoville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Animal Control; Article 5.04; Animal Care; Section 5.04.002 Prohibited Acts, (13)(14) regarding ties or tethering of a dog and Section 5.04.003 Minimum Length of Chains, Ropes and Other Fixed Restraints including: back history; recent complaints; current ordinance vs. State law; Seagoville ordinance in line with ordinances from other cities; humane treatment per the law vs. what reasonable individual considers proper care; law changes in 2007 to maximum length of 5 foot and must be on pulley system; concerns with prohibiting tethering option all together; estimating approximately 100 dogs tethered within the city out of 5400; and bring ideas to next meeting for discussion.
4. Future agenda items. None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.