

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
AD HOC DOMESTIC ANIMAL COMMITTEE
AND
COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014**

A joint meeting of the Ad Hoc Domestic Animal Committee and the Council Ordinance Committee was held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

ANIMAL COMMITTEE

Present: Brit Goda, Carol Pasco, Colleen Kenny, Roger Zielinski, Mitch Deisch, Dave Bachman

Absent: Lee Nelson, Jr., Jason Hallead

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Present: Catherine Zaring, Mark Wittlieff, Eric Gustad

Absent: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Mitch Deisch, City Attorney George Saylor

PURPOSE: Joint meeting to discuss the proposed updates to Chapter 606 Animals. The Domestic Animal Committee took action to forward the proposed ordinance to the Council Ordinance Committee on May 22, 2014. The Council Ordinance Committee took action at their June 10, 2014 meeting to send the draft back to the Animal Committee; stating that cats and dogs should be treated equally in regards to licensing and running free. While no authority to take action on behalf of the City of Manistee has been delegated to either committee, since a quorum of the Council might be present, notice of this meeting was provided under the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

There was significant discussion on the draft ordinance; specifically how cats were addressed in the draft ordinance. After considerable discussion, the Council Ordinance Committee agreed that there would not be the same restrictions on cats as there are with dogs.

CONSENSUS: Revised draft ordinance will be forwarded to full City Council. City Attorney will draft the revised ordinance.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell D. Deisch, City Manager
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