

**CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN
ANIMAL ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 WEST STATE STREET
AUGUST 12, 2025, 5 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Austin Gillis, Jodi Gillis, Peggy Hannam, Alicia Hunter, Dr. Grant Jacobson, Wendy Resinger, Jim Shaw, Kiel Stevenson (via Go-To-Meeting), Gary Thompson, Carol Webb.

BUSINESS

1. *Member introductions*
 - All members were present and introduced themselves.

2. *Overview of Chapter 90: Animals*
 - Carol provided a brief overview of the chapter sections. Members are asked to read the chapter before the next meeting.
 - Staff are evaluating moving the “General Provisions” section regarding live stock and poultry to zoning regulations. There will be a discussion item on the 8/25 council meeting regarding chicken keeping. Austin and Jodi recommended moving livestock from domesticated animal code.
 - Jodi obtained sample ordinances from Ft. Dodge, Muscatine, Ottumwa and recommends starting code review by adding needed definitions.

3. *Discuss the expectations of the committee*
 - Carol asked the committee what the desired outcome of the committee is.
 - Identify enforcement challenges, cleaning up processes and timelines.
 - If the group does not come to a consensus on a topic it will be referred to the council.
 - Review the pros and cons of pet licensing. What platforms are available.
 - Collaboration with the County Attorney on neglect and abandonment cases and charging owners who can be identified.
 - Review of penalty schedule.
 - Microchip requirements.
 - Focus on responsible pet ownership and education.
 - Feral cat regulations, allowing TNR program.
 - Evaluate an animal control officer position.

4. *Establish meeting schedule*
 - The committee estimates it will take 6 meetings to review the code and will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 10 West State Street.
 - Next meeting: September 2nd. We will discuss Dogs and Cats section.

ADJOURNMENT 6:04 pm

Minutes prepared by: Alicia Hunter, City Clerk