

**ANIMAL CARE JPA MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012**

Alan Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. with Directors Cronin, Huntington, Lombardo, and Alan Rasmussen sitting in for Chair Derry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Lombardo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of May 31, 2012 as presented.

Upon motion by Director Huntington the minutes stand approved

DIRECTORS REPORTS/UPDATES

Director Cronin advised that the county has completed the audit will be submitting it to the Board at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Replacement Animal Shelter, Approval of Plans and Specifications, Authorization to Bid for Construction

Town Manager Nuaimi gave the background of the project, advised that the project has been amended to bring the cost down to \$3.2 million, then after the construction drawings were prepared the cost grew to \$3.375 million, which includes contingency dollars. Staff believes the costs will still come down in the lower end when we go out to bid. The final plans have been reviewed by County Council, Architecture and Engineering, who have signed off on them, and they are ready to go to bid.

Margo Sturges, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the drop off areas.

Director Lombardo commented he thinks this is a good project with a lot of flexibility.

Mr. Rasmussen questioned why the number of animals being picked up is going down. Town Manager Nuaimi advised it is probably a variety of reasons, noting in the early years there may have been a spike. Animal Care & Control Manager Crider advised when the Town first took over the shelter, people were losing their homes and sadly having to give up their dogs. Town Manager Nuaimi added that it is possible the spay/neuter program is seeing dividends.

Director Huntington questioned if there is any difference between the amount of animals from the Town and from the County. Animal Care & Control Manager Crider

stated no, that it is pretty consistently even.

Director Cronin thanked the Town for their due diligence responding to the County's questions.

Director Huntington stated he is glad to see this brought to this stage.

Director Huntington moved to approve the Plans and Specifications; Authorize construction bidding for the project; Direct the Town Clerk to advertise the project for construction bids; Direct staff to return to the JPA with a repayment plan for the project; and direct staff to return to the JPA with a recommendation for designation of the construction project manager. Director Lombardo seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Director Cronin, Huntington, Lombardo and Rasmussen for Chair Derry
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Town Manager Nuaimi advised that we are looking for a late fall groundbreaking.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Adopt Reimbursement Strategies
- B. Annual Audit

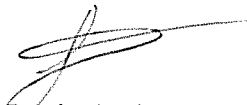
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Jamie Anderson
Town Clerk