

CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Clearwater City Council Chamber, City Hall at 129 E. Ross Avenue, Clearwater, Kansas.

The following members were present: Lonnie Stieben, George Rudy, Don Berntsen, and Mike Machart. Ryan Shackelford and Les Langston were absent. The following City staff members were present: Kent Brown, City Administrator, Cheryl Wright, City Clerk, and Janet Amerine, City Attorney.

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1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 6, 2009

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes was made by Don Berntsen seconded by Mike Machart and passed unanimously.

2. Discuss Various Ordinances on Animals

City Administrator Brown provided animal ordinances from various cities in Kansas. Brown then reviewed Clearwater's ordinance, which states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to have more than five dogs over six months old harbored at any one premises." In another area it reads "Keeping or harboring of six or more dogs or cats, six months of age or older, in one location shall be conclusively deemed to be for commercial purpose." Brown stated that basically that is all that is mentioned in the ordinances and it does not mention cats. City Attorney Amerine stated that she believes the current ordinance is unclear as to whether it is 5 dogs and 5 cats with a total of 10 or a total of 5 various animals. Don Berntsen stated that he reads it as a total of 10 combo pets. Brown provided a survey of number of household pets allowed by various cities and the number allowed is all over the place, but the majority is a total combo of 5 pets. The commission discussed at length the total number of pets that should be allowed. The commission decided to recommend to the Council to change the ordinance to read 3 dogs and 3 cats or a combination with a maximum total of 5 (five) pets over the age of 6 months. The Commission discussed that an annual license is required, but the rabies vaccination is at the discretion of the vet. It was discussed that it would be nice if a vet could be found that would come to Clearwater and do a clinic for vaccination and get the annual city license.

3. Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the Commission, George Rudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Don Berntsen and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATE

State of Kansas }
County of Sedgwick }
City of Clearwater }

I, Cheryl Wright, City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the November 3rd Planning Commission meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, this 1st day of December 2009.

Cheryl Wright, City Clerk