

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Feral Cat Workshop
October 6, 2021

Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Candice Makos, Stana Cummings, Debbi Moran, Miles Wenzel, and Jim Ancich.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Nations, Police Chief Casey Stratton, and Finance Director Julie Pope

Mayor Pauley stated that there was a letter sent to the Mayor and Council that was signed by over a dozen citizens that are complaining about this problem. Mayor Pauley said that this is a problem in three different areas of the City and needs to be addressed. Councilmember Wenzel says we may have to pay for services and if the owners are no longer around, we may have to have them euthanized. Councilmember Ancich asked if we have reached out to the City of Aberdeen for animal control services. Chief Stratton states that we don't have animal control and a place to keep them. He said that Aberdeen Animal Control is not willing to take on this many cats. He said if they did, it would be quite expensive. He says that we have more issues with animal control than just cats. He believes we need an animal control officer and a facility. Councilmember Wenzel stated that Westport has one of their reserve officers also take on animal control. Mayor Pauley stated that we have other issues such as code enforcement. We could maybe have a new hire to do multiple roles. Mayor Pauley stated that we need to remind citizens that their dogs and cats must be licensed. Councilmember Ancich asked if there is something in the private sector for handling this problem. Mayor Pauley stated that he doesn't have any specific costs at this time. Administrator Raines stated that we have City code to take care of this, but we don't have the personnel to deal with it. We need to fund a new position. He is asking the committees to take a look at the budget to see if we can fund a new hire through multiple funds. Mayor Pauley stated he would work with the City Administrator and Police Chief to see if they can come up with a solution.

Mayor Pauley adjourned the meeting.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor