

TOWN OF PATAGONIA  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M. - SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WOOD AT 6:00 P.M.  
PRESENT: MAYOR WOOD, VICE-MAYOR STABILE, COUNCIL MEMBERS MURRIETTA & FINCH  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER REIBSLAGER  
STAFF: TOWN MANAGER ROBINSON AND MARSHAL PATTERSON  
PUBLIC PRESENT: CHARLEE FARLEY AND DEBBIE ROBINSON
2. MAYOR WOOD LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DISCUSSION OF SECTION 6 OF THE TOWN CODE OF PATAGONIA ADDING CATS INTO THE CODE AND CREATING AN ANIMAL NUISANCE SECTION SIMILAR TO THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA.

MAYOR WOOD GAVE CHARLEE FARLEY THE RIGHT TO SPEAK. SHE SAID SHE FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE CAT ORDINANCES BECAUSE THEY CAN BE A NUISANCE. MAYOR WOOD AND MS. FARLEY DISCUSSED TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN VERSES CREATING A CAT ORDINANCE. MS. FARLEY SAID IN HER OPINION, THAT DOES NOT SOLVE THE NUISANCE PROBLEM, ONLY THE REPRODUCTION ISSUE. MS. FARLEY FEELS PEOPLE NEED TO BE AS RESPONSIBLE FOR CATS AS THE CODE REQUIRES THEM TO BE FOR DOGS. MUCH DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH MAYOR WOOD, VICE-MAYOR STABILE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS MURRIETTA AND FINCH DISCUSSING THE PROS AND CONS OF DIFFERENT CHANGES TO OUR SECTION 6, ANIMAL ORDINANCE. MARSHAL PATTERSON WAS ASKED WHAT IF ANY, CHANGES HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD INCUR IF THERE WERE ADDED NUISANCE ORDINANCES. HE SAID IT WOULD REQUIRE MORE HOURS FROM ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER HILLIARD, A FACILITY THAT WAS CERTIFIED TO HANDLE IMPOUNDED CATS, A SCANNER FOR CHIPS IN THE ANIMALS, AND A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT COULD HANDLE THE NATIONAL DATA BASE FOR ANIMALS. THE MAYOR THEN REMARKED, WE HAVE NO MONEY BUDGETED FOR THAT. THEN A LONG DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN MARSHAL PATTERSON, MS. FARLEY AND MAYOR WOOD ON THE IMPOUNDING TIME OF ANIMALS AND THE COSTS INVOLVED. SINCE COUNCIL MEMBER FINCH USED TO RUN AN ANIMAL SHELTER IN MISSOURI, HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN HE WAS RUNNING THE SHELTER HIS PER DAY COSTS OF KEEPING AN ANIMAL WAS \$50.00. HE SAID AT THE TIME, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE WAS \$100.00. HE PROJECTED TODAY, IT COULD COST BETWEEN \$100.00 TO \$200.00 PER ANIMAL. HE ALSO CONFIRMED WHAT MARSHAL PATTERSON SAID ABOUT CATS HAVING A SEPARATE SHELTER AREA AND THAT IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$30,000.00 TO \$40,000.00 TO BUILD A CERTIFIED SHELTER FOR CATS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH MAYOR WOOD STATING THAT OUR NEW ATTORNEY WOULD NEED TO GIVE US GUIDANCE ON THE WORDING IF ANY ORDINANCE WAS CHANGED. THE MAYOR DETERMINED A STUDY NEEDED TO BE DONE TO DETERMINE BUILDING COSTS, DATA BASE COSTS, DATA BASE HARDWARE COSTS, INSURANCE COSTS AND ANY ONGOING LABOR AND UPKEEP COSTS THAT THE TOWN WOULD INCUR. THE MARSHAL OFFERED TO SET UP VISITS TO SIERRA VISTAS KENNEL AND SHELTER AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHELTER SO THERE WOULD BE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE AND HOW THEY OPERATE.

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4. DISCUSSION OF ADOPTING THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTAS ANIMAL ORDINANCE, REPLACING THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA'S ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND ADDING CATS IN PLACES IT INCLUDES DOGS.

**MOTION:** COUNCIL MEMBER FINCH MOVED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION.

**SECOND:** MAYOR WOOD

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with council members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-mayor Stabile, council Members Murrietta and Finch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member Reibslager

5. **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Vice-Mayor Stabile moved to Adjourn

**SECOND:** Council Member Finch

**VOTE:** The motion passed by a 4-0 vote, with council members voting as follows:

**AYES:** Mayor Wood, Vice-Mayor Stabile, Council Members Murrietta and Finch

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINERS:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member Reibslager

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 P.M.

I hereby confirm the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes of a Town Council Workshop Meeting held September 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Manager