



City of
Blue Earth

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
MONDAY JANUARY 7, 2019 @ 4:30 P.M.**

Call to order.

Roll call.

Old Business.

New Business.

1. Humane Society Presentation

Adjourn.

By Order of the Blue Earth City Council

Timothy Ibisch

City Administrator

Post @ City Hall-Friday January 4, 2019 through Monday January 7, 2019

Distribute to Mayor & Council members-Media & file



Faribault County Humane Society

City Council Planning Session

Goal: Work with the local authorities to move into a different building for the Shelter/Pound in 2019.

Why is this necessary? The FCHS is growing our platform and increasing public knowledge about what we do and what we provide for the community. With that increase in visibility comes an increase in need for our services, but we lack the resources to keep up with that growth.

- The current building is 15 X 20 feet
- The adjacent lot is a vacant field where children play, which is a risk when they get close to the gated area
- There are safety concerns of the volunteers with the current location
- Need for separate rooms for dogs, cats, sick animals and play area for potential adopters

Options for buildings:

- Vacant city owned buildings
- Vacant non- city owned buildings
- Building a new structure on city owned property

Current funds FCHS has available for a new facility: \$22,000

Other items owned by FCHS to be moved to the new facility:

- 4 new dog kennels
- 3 exterior dog runs
- Several cat towers
- Washer/dryer

What we've done so far to raise funds:

- Ongoing efforts:
 - Donation boxes at area businesses
 - Social media campaigns to garner support/donations
- Fundraising events in 2018:
 - Co-hosted the mother/son dance in Frost
 - 1st Annual Dog Walk and Picnic
 - Bring your pup a cup event at the Cedar Inn
 - Joined the Crazy Dog Daze Walk and Dog Costume Contest with BE Chamber of Commerce
 - Derby Hot Wheels Raffle
 - Give to the Max Day
 - Holiday Bake Sale
- Fundraiser planning for 2019:



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- Spring flower or bulb sale- Date TBD
- Yappy Hour at local pub- Date TBD
- Valentine's Day Cookie sale- February
- Annual Dog Walk and Picnic – June
- Give to the Max Day- November
- Holiday Bake Sale -December
- Applying for grants through various organizations

Comparison of other area Humane Society Income

- Martin County Humane Society
 - City of Fairmont: \$20,000 + utilities
 - Martin County: \$300/mo