



City of
Blue Earth

**CITY OF BLUE EARTH
AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021@ 4:30 P.M.**

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Roll call.**
- 3. Old Business.**
- 4. New Business.**
 - a. Animal Control
- 5. Adjourn.**

By Order of the Blue Earth City Council

City Administrator Mary Kennedy

Post at City Hall Friday, July 30, 2021, through Monday, August 2, 2021

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Mary Kennedy, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Work Session: Animal Control
DATE: 2 August 2021



The City of Blue Earth is formally involved in the Faribault County Joint Powers Animal Control Board which includes representatives from the cities of Blue Earth, Delavan, Elmore, Winnebago, and Wells, as well as Faribault County.

The Faribault County Humane Society is the organization which currently serves the Faribault County Joint Powers Animal Control Board for the services of caring for impounded animals. The City of Blue Earth owns the building in which the impound is operated out of.

Each entity involved in the Joint Powers Animal Control Board is charged a percentage according to population to operate the impound facility.

At such time that I was hired by the City of Blue Earth to serve as the City Administrator, I assumed the position of Chair to the Joint Powers Animal Control Board. At the time that the Blue Earth City Council was building the budget for FY 2021, it became apparent that a new facility for animals was a priority for much of the Council. At that time, I delved into the operations of the Joint Powers Animal Control Board, and its relationship with the Faribault County Humane Society to best determine how the two organizations would be able to move forward in some capacity to support a new facility.

During that time made some discoveries which have been brought forth to the Faribault County Joint Powers Animal Control Board for discussion and decision. These discoveries include:

- Service Agreement between the Joint Powers Board and the Faribault County Humane Society
Attorney David Frundt drafted a Kenneling Services Agreement which was reviewed by the Faribault County Humane Society. An agreement on the terms and conditions has not been met.
- Accounting of Animal Control Officer fees
Faribault County Humane Society has been collecting ACO fees. Each municipality should be collecting ACO fees.
- Imposition of fees
Each City/County has its own fee schedule which should be abided.
- Procedure for potentially dangerous/dangerous impounded dogs
Faribault County Humane Society drafted a policy which was adopted.

Discussion Points for Blue Earth City Council

1. Involvement in Joint Powers Board
 - a. Kenneling Services Agreement
 - b. Animal Control Officer
 - c. Financial Contribution
 - d. Board Chair
2. Humane Society Building
3. Blue Earth 2021 Fee Schedule
 - a. Animal-Related Fees:
 - *Registration* \$30.00 for three years
\$50.00 administrative fee for unlicensed animals
 - **Release Permit** \$25.00 first offense
\$50.00 second offense
\$75.00 third offense
 - *Animal Running at Large* \$100.00 first offense
\$150.00 second offense
\$200.00 third offense
 - Habitual Barking \$100.00 first offense
\$150.00 second offense
\$200.00 third offense
 - Animal Damage to Property \$100.00 first offense
\$150.00 second offense
\$200.00 second offense
 - Animal Waste \$100.00 first offense
\$150.00 second offense
\$200.00 third offense
 - **Reclaiming** \$25.00 per day