



ANIMAL APPEAL COMMISSION MINUTES

June 5, 2025 – 9:00 AM

2nd Floor Conference Room 400 East Military, Fremont NE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER The Animal Appeal Commission was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairperson Yerger; dates and times of the public meeting notice and the posting of the agenda were noted, as was the location of a copy of the Open Meeting Law, which is continually posted for public inspection at the back of the room near the entrance door. It was further noted that a copy of the meeting agenda packet material, if any and copies of the current agenda were also located in the rack on the wall in the back of the room by the entrance door.

ROLL CALL Roll call indicated a quorum of the Commission was present – Commissioners present included Elliott, Leonard and Yerger.

Item 1 - APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Leonard and seconded by Elliott to officially approve the previously posted minutes of the June 4, 2025 Animal Appeals Commission meeting – Motion carried 3-0

Item 2 - HEAR THE “RECKLESS OWNER” MAY 20, 2025 DECLARATION NOTICE TO, AND SUBSEQUENT APPEAL BY, MATT HARLESS

The notice type was for a “**Reckless Owner**” Notice that was given in conjunction with a Dog Running at Large citation and animal health concerns regarding a dog named **Rex**.

A presentation of the matter was made by the City’s Community Service Officers (CSOs). The Appellant was not in attendance at the time. As result, no oral presentation was made or heard from the Appellant; however, the Appellant’s pre-filed appeal documents were available for the Commissioner’s reference. No Public Comment on the matter was heard. After the City CSO’s presentation, questions were asked and discussion of the matter was conducted by the Commission. After discussion concluded, the Commission took the following action:

Motion was made by Commissioner Yerger, seconded by Commissioner Leonard to “**Affirm**” the Reckless Owner Notice and Declaration given to **Matt Harless** in association with the dog named **REX**.

Motions carried 3-0 (Elliott, Yerger and Leonard voting Yea)

The City CSO’s were instructed to formally notify the appellant of the Commission’s ruling and the required actions associated with the Commission’s decision.

GENERAL MATTERS – DISCUSSION

There was no general discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Leonard to adjourn; the time was: 9:20 A.M.

Motion carried 3-0.

It should be noted that before the room had emptied, the Appellant did finally arrive and he was advised that the meeting had already been conducted and adjourned.

THESE MINUTES CONSTITUTE THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL APPEAL COMMISSION MEETING OF June 4, 2025; RECORDED COMMISSION APPROVAL WILL OCURR AND BE DOCUMENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ANIMAL APPEALS COMMISSION.

Martha Bang, Commission Secretary
Chairman

Brad Yerger, Commission

The Agenda was posted at the Municipal Building on or before **May 30, 2025**. This meeting was preceded by publicized notice in the Fremont Tribune on **or before May 27, 2025** and was displayed in the Municipal Building and was open to the public. The official agenda and current copy was available at City Hall, 400 East Military, City Clerk's Office.