

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 10, 2002**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Safety Committee**

*Karen J. Angelou, Chair  
L. Nicholas Hogan  
Robert W. Kelley  
Michael O'Brien, ex officio*

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

**Members Present:** Karen J. Angelou, Robert W. Kelley and L. Nicholas Hogan

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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Stinchcomb, O'Brien, Isler, Williams, Murphy, Rinehart, Spence, Henderson, Wetherholt, Komlanc, Davies, Weber; Press.

**2002-0024**

Notice to Legislative Authority of a new D3A liquor permit for Bru Pet Inc., dba Jordan's Mart & Deli, 471-I Morrison Road, Gahanna, Ohio.

Motion Resolution that the City has no objections; consent agenda.

**Recommended for Legislation****ORD-0105-2002**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 505, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Angelou welcomed visitors and thanked them for coming.

Visitor's who spoke in Safety Committee are listed as follows: Kim & Jeff Ishler, Sandy Hubbard, Pam Scott, Tami Willard, Kathy Culp, Bob & Marilyn Weimer.

Kelley said he has had a lot of calls on this. Murphy said that the local papers did a good job of informing the community; have a following that is very supportive of these changes. This ordinance creates the escalating fine schedule. Hogan said we knew the ordinance was not 100% in 2000 but wanted to get something on the books. Angelou said since the code was written in 2000 there were a number of changes that needed to be made; needed tweaking. Murphy said the ordinance was a good start but hopefully with these changes we can fix the problems.

Visitors related various problems that they are having with cats and dogs. Concerning cats Henderson said that if he, as Animal Warden, takes a cat to Cat Welfare in Hilliard, they will charge the City \$35; if individual calls Cat Welfare they will come out and pick up the cat and not charge anything; that is why the City does not pick up cats. He said with the barking dogs, if the dog is not barking when the officer arrives, he cannot do anything. If a person wants to file charges and come to court, then the owner of the dog can be prosecuted.

Hogan said this ordinance will hold people accountable for their animals. Angelou said we need to educate the public about this ordinance; would be to everyone's advantage; especially with cats. Angelou also said that you cannot legislate being a good neighbor; some problems cannot be solved without filing complaint.

Weber said with the escalating fines and possible jail time people should stop just paying ticket after ticket; get their animal under control; magistrate will have the option of putting people in jail; repeat offender; 4th degree misdemeanor; up to the magistrate.

There was discussion on 505.10, Animal Bites, Quarantine and Report. Weber said he feels this section says what we want. Kelley said it is good; covers everything. There was also discussion about 505.14 Dangerous and Vicious Animals. Weber said that we wanted to keep both vicious and dangerous; wanted to keep the \$500 fee to discourage having these animals; want to keep it the way it is written.

There was discussion about making the legislation emergency so it could be in effect as

soon as possible. Also it was felt that the legislation should be passed out to the various veterinarians in Gahanna.

**Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**

**ORD-0106-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH VAN METER & ASSOCIATES INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A ZERO-BASED PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM AND REVISION OF DIVISION DIRECTIVES; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$10,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Spence said this will give us an electronic format; any changes in case law will be incorporated; keep us completely up to date. It was asked if this should become a budget line item in the future for maintenance. Spence is to research this and make recommendation if needed.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

**ISSUES:**

**Review Civil Service Rules & Regulations**

Winters said that he did not have time to make the corrections from the recommendations from Safety Committee on June 1st; will have them to members at least one week before the next committees; thanked everyone for their efforts. Angelou asked that this be placed first on the Safety Committee agenda for June 24th.

**Chief of Police: No Report.**

**Director of Parks & Recreation.**

**MONITOR:**

**DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council**

**2000-0034**

MONITOR:

- 1) Skateboard Park.
- 2) Pizzurro Park
- 3) Morse Rd/US 62 Signage