

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
February 18, 2020**

- I. Workshop was called to order by Mayor Ehmann at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Ehmann, Alderman Wilder, Cain, Nyberg, Robbins and Daley.
- III. **Business:** Discussion

Item A: Discuss Ordinance 2013-09 Animal Control Regulations

Mayor Ehmann explained that the contract with the county is straight forward. We pay the county to handle vicious dogs and animal bites. An enhanced contract is no longer an option, awhile back council chose not to add to the contract. Now that is no longer an option.

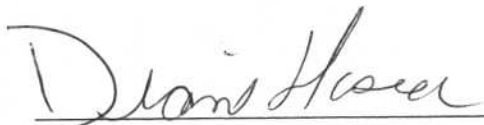
Gabriel Arroyo from the County Health Dept. explained the contract covers State law requirements concerning bites to people. All those quarantine shelters are regulated by state law. Those are the only circumstances for removing the animal; there is no space in any of the cities contracted with and they have limited manpower. There has been no increase in cost to the city since 2001.

Discussion occurred concerning the County's population, which controls the type of shelters required. The County will provide traps for small wildlife and relocate the animal. Mayor Ehmann stated that loose dogs seem to be a nuisance and the County cannot help with that issue. Gabriel explained State law requires the animal be quarantined animal bites are defined as bites that break the skin. Several citizens stated they were concerned and frightened by loose dogs in the city. Other citizens stated they do not encounter any loose dogs and are not seeing them. Owner responsibility was discussed and what changes to the ordinance were wanted. The question of how to enforce the ordinance was discussed with parts of the ordinance being read. Violations need to be documented in writing and submitted to City Hall


- IV. Mayor Ehmann adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Jo Ann Ehmann
Mayor