

1 Depoe Bay City Council  
2 Workshop Meeting  
3 Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - 6:00 PM  
4 Depoe Bay City Hall

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6 PRESENT: Mayor J. White, P. Cameron, P. Taunton, D. Davilla, B. Leff, J. Brown, D. Zimmerman

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8 STAFF: City Field Superintendent T. Owings, Recording Secretary F. Dreamingtime

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10 I. CALL TO ORDER

11 Mayor White called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 PM.

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13 II. ANIMAL CONTROL

14 Mayor White called Jackie Hickerson, of 40 Hour Lane, to the podium to state the problem. Mrs.  
15 Hickerson said a neighbor has 20 known cats, and the cats eliminate in her yard. She has had to take her  
16 dogs to the vet as a result. The problem has been going on for over two years. Mayor White called the  
17 property owner, Kat Anderson of 70 Ainslee Street, to the podium to respond. Ms. Anderson said what  
18 used to be more than 20 cats is now 11, and that someone has been poisoning the cats with anti-freeze.  
19 She said she has offered to provide cat repellent to neighbors, but her offer was declined. Mayor White  
20 asked Rhonda Newman what her connection is and she responded that she owns “No Place Like Home  
21 Pet and Exotic Rescue”, a non-profit business which she said does not require a business license.

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23 Officer Tyler, from Lincoln County Animal Control addressed the council regarding animal ordinances  
24 in other Lincoln County cities and in Multnomah County, emphasizing the difficulty with enforcing the  
25 ordinances. She also said that she was not aware of any repellent product that was effective, but a  
26 motion-detection water system works well. She recommended no one leave food outside because it  
27 attracts other animals and causes problems. She said state ordinances apply within city limits, with  
28 citations being heard in municipal court. Feeding an animal for 30 days constitutes accepting  
29 responsibility for it. Feral cats can be trapped and taken to the animal shelter for a nominal fee; the  
30 shelter does not adopt out feral cats.

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32 The council deliberated on the issue. The mayor asked councilors how they felt about text from the  
33 Lincoln City ordinance: “No owner or person in charge of an animal shall permit the animal to be at  
34 large”. A suggestion was made that the cat owner patrol the nearby yards and remove the waste matter. A  
35 councilor noted that most animal rescues control the animals with use of kennels. It was also noted that  
36 the Planning Commission defined “kennel” and that definition should be reviewed. A suggestion was  
37 made that the ordinance limit how many animals can be kept by one person, with a licensing requirement  
38 for numbers in excess of the limit. It was the consensus of the council to direct staff to provide a draft  
39 ordinance to the council at the second regular council meeting in October; the proposed ordinance is to  
40 be reviewed by Animal Control, as well as the city attorney.

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42 XIII. ADJOURN

43 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

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46 \_\_\_\_\_ James White, Mayor  
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48 Fox Dreamingtime, Recording Secretary