**City of Kamiah, Idaho**

**City Council**

**Workshop Minutes**

May 20, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Betty Heater, Mayor

Council Members: Dan Millward (President), Glen Hibbs and Genese Simler

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Betty Heater called the workshop to order at 5:00 pm.

**Discussion Items:**

* **Discuss Process for Capture** – Mayor Betty Heater requested Syni Brent (Corgipalooza) to share her ideas on her proposed capture process. She stated her main goal is to keep both the animals and citizens of Kamiah safe. She recommended creating a Facebook page for the City of Kamiah for public notification as well as the documentation piece regarding the liability issues for both the rescues and the City of Kamiah. She recommended creating a messenger group that would consist of the City staff and the rescues to allow communication for the animal’s safety and animals that may be abused prior to the announcement’s being posted. She recommended upon review of the animal in the messenger group, the picture and information would be made public. She stated in the event that maintenance should be called out for an unstable dog, they were free to contact her and she will try to come help, however; she lives out of town and may take a while before she could arrive. Stephanie Dyche stated Lewis County will also assist if needed. The rescue agencies that attended also shared their concerns regarding the confidentiality and placement of the animals in abused situations. The City Clerk stated this is going to be an issue that needs to be addressed, however; it will take time to change the culture of information sharing related to dogs and the residents having staff cell phone numbers.

She strongly urged the mayor and council to enforce the leash laws and dog ordinances as this will also protect dogs and residents. She stated she is willing to assist the city with public trainings to promote animal safety and public awareness to the dangers animals and residents are placed in when safety ordinances are not followed. She stated she would like to see the City create a fund for the awareness project and work with the residents to assist with providing leashes and fencing if needed.

* **MOU Language for City of Kamiah and Rescues –** Mollie (Mollie’s Happy Tails) requested not having an MOU but will assist the city in anyway possible. City Attorney Dan Chadwick requested the rescue agencies provide the City Clerk with their information to forward to him to get the MOU’s drafted and approved by the council. Stephanie stated she will reach out to the Nez Perce Tribe and Animal Ark.
* **Adjournment-**Mayor Betty Heater adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm

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 Betty Heater, Mayor Stephanie Dyche, City Clerk