

DATE: 7/2/19 FILE NO: DATE343  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday 7/1/19

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council, Monday 7/1/19, Chairman Spencer presided with Quay Little leading in prayer. Council members present were Tim Spencer, Tracy McDaniel, Quay Little, Lyman Dawkins & Charles Mathis. Absent: Mike Fowlkes & David Smith. Administrator Steve Bratton and Clerk Doris Pearson were present. Attorneys Joe Mathis & Jim Thompson were absent. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. One news media was present along with 4 visitors.

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 7/1/19 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 6/17/19 as received in their agenda package. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County Council in the amount of \$310,768.12. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton presented council with information regarding anti-tethering. There was a letter from me in your agenda package for your review. Basically, there are varying degrees of anti-tethering codes in our area. York & Anderson both have very strict anti-tethering codes. They go as far as to say what temperature the dogs cannot be tethered outside; some say that tethering cannot be more than 10% of the body weight. Various things like that, some of which in my opinion makes it very difficult to enforce. Greenville Co. ordinance that was passed 10/2018, more resembled what I feel this council may be interested in doing. It includes that a dog can only be tethered if pursuant to requirements of a park, camping or recreational area. It can be tethered will engaged in lawful hunting activities. Otherwise the tether must be elevated no higher than 7 feet off the ground in a manner to allow the tether to move freely along a running line that must be at least 20 feet in length between 2 stop points. The tether must be connected to the dog by a buckle type collar or body harness made of nylon, leather or other durable and non-metallic material. Only one dog may be attached to each running line; they must be separated to prevent them of becoming entangled. No animal under 3 months of age shall be connected to a tether. Some say 6 months old; or an injured animal cannot be tethered, etc. I would add that the animal should be in reach of food, water & shelter if on a running line. I have not spoken with Animal Control or Sheriff Mueller regarding this and the enforcement. That is one of my big concerns because we just have two officers in Animal Control that would be able to enforce this throughout the entire county. Some of the ordinances that I looked at stated that an animal cannot be tethered more than 2 hours in a 12 hour period. I don't know how we would enforce that. We want to include something that could be enforced fairly simply. **Chairman Spencer asked Steve to draft an amendment to our**

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**ordinance addressing the anti-tethering for dogs including that the animal should be in reach of food, water & shelter if on a running line and bring it back to council at our meeting 7/15/19.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:17 PM.

APPROVED: 7/15/19

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Clerk to Council