Chair Saeger called the Animal Control Appeal Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2014 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Troy City Hall.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Patrick Carolan
Al Petrulis
Jayne Saeger
Gretchen Waters

Also Present:
Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist
Susan Lancaster, Assistant City Attorney
Sergeant Michael Szuminski, Troy Police Department

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

All present agreed to agenda as proposed with the addition of discussion on Animal Control Appeal Board 2015 meeting date schedule.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Petrulis
Second by Carolan

RESOLVED, to approve the September 24, 2014 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

4. HEARING OF CASE

A. WAIVER REQUEST, VINCENT DEPAUW, 1641 E. WATTLES – In order to keep 10 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least .75 of an acre in size. The property is approximately .735 acres in size. Animal Ordinance Section 90.70.20 (f).

Mr. Evans summarized the case for the Board. Mr. DePauw advised the Board that chickens have been present on the property since 2011. His neighbors have told him that they have no issues with the chickens. He was not aware a permit to have the chickens was required, so when the City Inspector advised him of such, he immediately applied.

The public hearing was opened.

There was no one present. Mr. Evans advised the City received one letter recommending approval, from 1661 E. Wattles, the next door neighbor.

Chair Saeger closed the public hearing.

In response to Board member questions, Mr. DePauw confirmed there would be 10 chickens, no roosters, and advised the approximate ages of the chickens. Mr. DePauw requested the Board allow the chickens to be free range, as his yard has fences on several sides, and neighbors on either side do not object.

The Board confirmed that there were no other public comments and discussed the potential merits of allowing the chickens to be free range.

Motion by: Waters
Second by: Petrulis

RESOLVED to grant the request allowing the chickens to be free range when not in the shed/pen shown in the application, disallowing any roosters, with a maximum of 10 chickens.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed on proposed 2015 meeting dates.

Ms. Lancaster advised that the City Attorney extends an offer to speak to the Board regarding the Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, or on any questions or concerns the Board may have. Chair Saeger advised the Board to consider this request and to forward questions or concerns to City Staff.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Animal Control Appeals Board meeting ADJOURNED at 7:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Saeger

Jayne Saeger, Chair

Paul Evans

Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist

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