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City of Cameron, Missouri
Animal Shelter Progress Report

Reporting Parties: Quinten Lovejoy, Paul Beckwith, and Tim Wymes
Objective: Research and Define Best Animal Shelter Solution
Time Frame: Process Continues

On April 16, 2018 the Animal Shelter Working Group presented to the City Council recommendations for the new proposed animal shelter during public hearing. There were three options explained in detail on moving forward in pursuing a new animal shelter design. The options were: 1) Build a new facility per original design, 2) Rehab the current facility or 3) Build a new facility in phases, minus some options from the original design. Under the direction of the City Council, City Staff and the Animal Shelter Working Group were tasked with finding a solution that would meet the needs of the city per animal control duties.

On May 7, 2018, Animal Shelter Group member Quinten Lovejoy presented a PowerPoint to City Council of another possible option for an animal shelter building. The presentation consisted of prefabricated buildings that separately house both cats and dogs. The manufacturer, Horizon Structure, LLC a company based out of Pennsylvania, builds custom designed structures for organizations and individual needs. Based on the information presented before City Council, City Staff and Quinten Lovejoy were instructed to work together and research the information presented and all other options available.

On May 8, 2018, City Inspector Paul Beckwith, reached out to Scott Ruttgers based out of Greer, South Carolina to ask some questions regarding their experience thus far with the Horizon Structure recently purchased. Scott explained the structure has been delivered but is not currently installed. The city is making preparation to install the unit. The installation process will consist of site prep work, pad installation, rough plumbing, rough electrical, and anchoring the structure.

Also on May 8, 2017, Community Development Director Tim Wymes and City Inspector Paul Beckwith talked with Mindy Rinier with Horizon Structures, LLC, regarding their products. During our conversation, we asked questions concerning the structural integrity of the building. Some of the questions asked addressed

durability of the structure, the wood framing of the dog runs, flooring, and the type of anchoring system needed. Mindy also referenced a few customers who have purchased their products. Some of the clients ranged from different backgrounds such as veterinarians, breeders, trainers, and rescues. Mindy also mentioned that these particular buildings for animal shelter type usage have been in design for about four years. She also provided additional information regarding the materials of the building for review. With all the information received, city staff conducted a preliminary review for code compliance.

May 16, 2018, a meeting with Quinten Lovejoy, Paul Beckwith, and Tim Wymes was held to discuss the current proposal for the Horizon Structure building. Part of the discussion involved addressing code related requirements. Some of the requirements will include proper anchoring, ADA accessibility, restrooms requirements and the additional site prep work. The animal shelter building proposal for the prefabricated building will need further review. Quinten will be following up with Mindy in regard to the restrooms and ADA requirements. Meanwhile, city staff will explore other options for an animal shelter building.

Based on the current information submitted for the Horizon Structure, it is undetermined whether the structure will meet code requirements. In addition, the portable structure is lacking many design features we feel are necessary for proper operation. This type of shelter is not in operation anywhere in the United States as a municipal animal shelter, at least as far as we have been able to determine. There are some breeders who use this type of shelter, along with some who have training facilities, possibly. But the usage at a municipality is not the same, having a wider variety of animals, some which of which have no training at all. Quinten Lovejoy will continue to research information on the portable buildings and work with staff to explore other options.