Meeting Minutes August 16, 2016

HEALTH BOARD MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the Health Board met at noon on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at the Joplin City Health Department. The following members were present: Rebecca Heffren, Richard Slawson,MD, David Sweeney, DDS, and Enrico Esguerra, MD. Absent, Michelle Cahill.

Dan Pekarek announced that at last night's city council meeting Dr.Bob Tyler had been approved to replace Dr. Slawson as he is terming out of the board this month. Dr. Slawson was thanked for his service on the board.

Minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by Dr. Esguerra and seconded by Dr. Sweeney. All approved.

It was requested that in the future, minutes of the preceding meeting be sent to board members when they receive their reminder e-mail of the upcoming meeting.

Election of officers was postponed until next meeting for full board.

The first order of business discussed was the annual overview of the proposed Health Dept. budget for fiscal year 2017. Dan indicated that this was a review required by city code. Dan explained the city budget preparation and approval process and provided the overview.

Next order of business was the review of updated WIC program policies. Joyce Doty, WIC program Coordinator provided the overview. She indicated that several policies were updated primarily due to new state or federal requirements for the program. We are getting our policies in compliance with these new requirements. Dr. Sweeney motioned to approve and Dr. Slawson seconded, all were in favor.

Dan presented some information on a recent request by a citizen for some changes to the animal control codes, generally regarding the amount of space required for chickens and the space required for pygmy goats. There was a general discussion of the request. It was noted that in reviewing some information from other communities that our codes are reasonably consistent with these other communities. Additionally, the requests didn't really impact public health, rather, these would be more of an impact from a potential nuisance to neighbors. No vote was taken on the issue.

Meeting adjourned 1:10 pm.

Approved: _____ Date: 11-15-16

(David Sweeney, DDS)

Submitted by: Mary Lee Mitte