



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE LAKEPORT CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 25, 2021**

**Call to Order & Roll Call:**

Mayor Parlet called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., with Council Members Froio, Green, Mattina, Turner, and Mayor Parlet present.

**Admonishments:**

Mayor Parlet read admonishments into the record in the matter of an Appeal of Vicious Animal Abatement No. 822 by Maria Anderson.

**Administer Oaths:**

City Clerk Buendia administered the oath to all witnesses scheduled to provide testimony:  
 Citing Officer:

1. Jessica Leishman – Lake Co Animal Control Officer
2. Jonathan Armas - Lake Co Animal Control Director
3. Brad Rasmussen – Lakeport Police Chief
4. Hailey Del Fiorentino - Lake Co Animal Control Officer

Appellant:

1. Maria Rose Anderson – Appellant
2. Michael Shaffer - Witness
3. Michael Lucientes - Witness
4. Cassidy Anderson - Witness
5. Wyatt Anderson – Witness

Citing Officer:

5. Julianna Bisaccio – Witness arrived and was sworn in at 5:52 p.m.
6. Michelle Dollosso – Witness arrived and was sworn in at 6:01 p.m.
7. Stephanie Del Boscoss – Witness arrived and was sworn in at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Parlet opened the hearing at 5:43 p.m.

**Vicious Animal Abatement Appeal Hearing:**

**Opening Statements**

Opening Statement - Citing Officer: Jessica Leishman gave the opening statement.

Opening Statement – Appellant: Maria Anderson declined an opening statement.

**Presentation/Testimony – Citing Officer**

Presentation: Hailey Del Fiorentio recited findings related to nine incidents of aggressive behavior of the animals and called the following witnesses to provide testimony: Julianna Bisaccio, Michelle Dollosso, Stephanie Del Boscoss.

The City Council and Appellant asked questions of the witnesses.

**Presentation/Testimony – Appellants**

Presentation: The Appellant, Maria Anderson presented but did not call any witnesses.

The Citing Officers and City Council asked questions of the Appellant.

**Public Comment**

An emailed comment was read into the record from Georgina Guadardo regarding the need for more animal support from the County.

Elizabeth Larson asked if the dogs were licensed and altered.

**Citing officer rebuttal**

There was no further evidence provided by the Citing officer. Chief Rasmussen noted that the animals have been in custody and therefore not escaped from the improved property. He read through the ten conditions that were included in the abatement order should the Council chose to sustain the abatement order. The Council asked questions related to the conditions:

1. Permission from property owner to maintain a Vicious Canine at this location.
2. Written proof (a true copy) of a public liability policy in the single incident amount of \$50,000 for bodily injury or death of any person(s) or for damage to property which may result from ownership or maintenance of such animal. Such insurance policy shall provide that no cancellation of the policy be made unless ten (10) days written notice is first given to the Lake County Animal Care & Control Department.
3. Posting of "Beware of Dog" signs on all sides of the property.
4. Obtain and keep current at all times, a City of Lakeport dog license and rabies vaccination.
5. Construction of a 10'x10'x6' chain link kennel with concrete floor, padlocking gate and solid roof to provide shelter from the elements and confinement of said canine. This kennel needs to be located in a secure area of the property so that members of the public cannot obtain access.
6. Allow right of entry for inspection of kennel facilities and canine by Lake County Animal Care and Control and Lakeport Police at any time.
7. Canine(s) is only allowed off of property for necessary medical appointments, and at no other time shall it be allowed off the property.
8. Photographing of canine(s) for identification purposes.
9. Canine(s) to be kept at 563 Second St, Lakeport Ca. Animal Care & Control and Lakeport Police will be notified within 10 days of any change in ownership or residence to include new address, phone, and/or owner if ownership is transferred.
10. To be transported for vet appointments only, canine(s) shall be muzzled and on a six foot (6') maximum leash, with a responsible adult over the age of 18 years in control of that leash at all times;

The Council asked several questions of the Citing Officer regarding the recommended conditions.

Appellant Marie Anderson asked how long the conditions would be in place. The City Attorney noted that under Food and Agriculture code, the terms would be in effect for 36 months, at which time another hearing could be requested. Animal Control confirmed that Lake County adheres to the 36 month time frame.

Mayor Parlet closed the hearing at 6:42 p.m.

**Decision and Compliance Order:****Decision:**

City Attorney Ruderman reminded the City Council of its options:

1. Sustain the appeal and find that the impound was improper because the animals do not satisfy criteria for a vicious animal under the code. The animals would be released and the City would incur the costs of the impound.
2. Overrule or deny the appeal and find that the impound was proper because the animals do satisfy the criteria for a vicious animal under the code and the owner must comply with the conditions of the abatement order before the animals are released. The appellant is responsible for the costs of impound.
3. Deny the appeal and modify the abatement order by imposing different conditions. The appellant is responsible for the costs of impound.

The Council deliberated the appeal, including the option to destroy the animals.

The Council observed a six-minute break at 6:54 p.m.

Each Council Member made statements.

A motion was made by Council Member Mattina, seconded by Council Member Turner, and passed 5-0-0-0 by the following roll call vote: Froio – aye; Green – aye; Mattina – aye; Turner – aye; Parlet – aye to deny the appeal of Vicious Animal Abatement Order 822 by Marie Anderson.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Parlet adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.



Kenneth Parlet, Mayor

Attest:



Kelly Buendia, City Clerk