



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE IN SUPPORT OF THE VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY'S NEW ANIMAL SHELTER** – Discussion and consideration of a resolution supporting the Verde Valley Humane Society (VVHS) new animal shelter facility.

Sponsored By: Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

Staff Contact: Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting Date: August 25, 2009

Background: Verde Valley Humane Society (VVHS) President Nick Hunseder has requested support from the Verde Valley Communities for the VVHS new animal shelter. VVHS is short of funds to finish construction of phase one of their new building. VVHS is paying for the construction on a cash basis, no financing is involved.

VVHS will compile all the Verde Valley Community Resolutions and send them with a letter to Representative Ann Kirkpatrick, in hopes of getting federal support of the project.

Recommendation: To approve a resolution in support of the Verde Valley Humane Society's new animal shelter.

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE IN SUPPORT OF THE VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY'S NEW ANIMAL SHELTER.

Whereas, the current Verde Valley Humane Society's animal shelter was constructed in August, 1983, when the population of the Town of Clarkdale, was 1512 and the population of the rest of the Upper Verde Valley was approximately 6557 and;

Whereas, the population of the Town of Clarkdale is now almost 4000 and the area served by the current animal shelter now reaches all the way to Black Canyon City on the south and to the Village of Oak Creek on the north and includes all of the Upper Verde Valley with a population of over 36,451 and;

Whereas, the recent decline in the economy has resulted in many abandoned animals as a result of the hundreds of foreclosures and loss of jobs with the potential of hundreds more; and,

Whereas, the population of the area served by the Verde Valley Humane Society Animal Shelter is expected to continue to grow at as fast a rate as in the past; and,

Whereas, the only alternative to having an adequate shelter is to euthanize healthy animals:

Therefore, Mayor and Council of the Town of Clarkdale do hereby pass this Resolution in absolute support of the need for a new animal shelter that will house the wonderful animals that are loved and cared for by the Verde Valley Humane Society.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona, this the 25th day of August, 2009

Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTEST

Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk /Finance Director