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APPROPRIATION NO. 4, 2024

CITY CLERK

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF MONEY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE YEAR 2024.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said municipal corporation the following additional sum of money is hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the fund herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

		<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>
FROM:	ARPA #0199	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
TO:	Services Contractual (ARPA) #0199-0006-03-432010	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
	TOTAL	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00

Introduced by: Cheryl Loudermilk Cheryl Loudermilk, Councilperson

Passed in open Council this 7 day of March, 2024.

Tammy Boland Tammy Boland, President

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 7 day of March, 2024

at 8:25pm o'clock.

Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this 7 day of March, 2024.

Brandon C. Sakbun Brandon C. Sakbun, Mayor

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk



City of Terre Haute Controller

City Hall, 17 Harding Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jessica Thome, City Controller

DATE: January 23, 2024

RE: *Request to appropriate ARPA Funds*

I am requesting to appropriate ARPA funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Terre Haute Humane Society. This money will be used for the construction of their low cost vet clinic. Please see attached the executive summary provided by Jordan Marvel.

The Executive Summary

The Terre Haute Humane Society (THHS) is planning to construct a veterinary clinic adjacent to the existing shelter facility at 1811 South Fruitridge Avenue. This would be a low cost vet clinic that would offer spay/neuter services, vaccinations and basic vet care to the public and provide vet care and spay/neuter services to the shelter.

Since the SPOT Clinic closed in early 2021 there has been no consistent options in Vigo County for low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations for cats and dogs. THHS performs approximately 10 to 12 public spay/neuters per month with appointments booked out 3 months in advance. The number of public alters that THHS can offer is restricted by the size and setup of the Shelter's surgical suite and availability of the local vet who performs the spay/neuters. There are no low cost vaccination options currently offered in Vigo County.

The lack/loss of economical spay neuter services in Vigo County is creating an overwhelming number of unwanted animals in our community. These unwanted animals typically end up as strays, creating nuisance, spreading disease, and overtaxing Animal Control and the Humane Society. This clinic would remove the financial barriers to care that over a third of Vigo county residents currently face. It would also give Animal Control a much needed medical resource that it currently does not have.

In Indiana the average cost to spay a female dog is approximately \$500 and to neuter a male dog is \$425 at a traditional veterinary practice. Cat spays are \$325 and cat neuters \$225.. Typical annual vaccinations for dogs and cats cost \$90 at a traditional vet practice.

In contrast, at the Vanderburgh County (Indiana) Humane Society low cost vet clinic a female dog costs \$85 to spay and male dog \$70 to neuter. Cat spays cost \$55 and cat neuters \$40. Vaccinations for dogs and cats cost \$49.

If we are able to construct a low cost veterinary clinic we will be able to deliver similar spay/neuter and vaccination costs to the residents of Vigo County that VCHS provides to the residents of Vanderburgh County. A low cost vet clinic would not have an impact on the traditional veterinary practice in Vigo County because those residents who would utilize the low cost vet clinic do not have the financial means to take their pets to a traditional vet practice.

A vet clinic would allow THHS to pursue spay/neuter grants that would lower spay/neuter costs even further.

Project Scope and Estimated Cost

- The new building will be 4,000 square feet.
- Keymark Construction has been selected as the builder.
- Construction costs are estimated at \$675,700
- The building will include 10 dedicated kennels for use by Animal Control
- Estimated operating costs will be approximately \$400,000 annually.
- The clinic will be self-sustaining.




ARPA City Council Presentation

Low-Cost Community Vet Clinic

Project Description

- The Terre Haute Humane Society intends to build a veterinary clinic adjacent to the existing shelter facility at 1811 South Fruitridge Avenue. This will be a low-cost vet clinic that will offer spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and basic vet care to the public and provide vet care and spay/neuter services to the shelter. The clinic will also include dedicated kennel space for the City of Terre Haute animal control and the Vigo County Sheriff's Office animal control officers.
 - The facility will fill short-term and long-term needs.
 - Short-term
 - It will provide additional kennel space for City and County animal control officers
 - Provide a medical resource for animal control
 - Reduce the financial barrier to care for lower income residents
 - Long-term
 - The clinic will tackle the stray animal problem in our community through an aggressive low-cost spay/neuter program.






Timeline

- Request for bids – Complete
 - Solicited bids from 3 local contractors in January 2023
 - THHS Board of Directors selected Keymark Construction as the design-builder on February 21, 2023
 - Signed design-build contract on March 22, 2023
- Building Design – Ongoing
 - Kick off meeting was on April 5, 2023
 - Floor plan has been finalized
- Construction
 - Estimate construction to begin in September
 - Construction estimated to be complete by end of 2023





Budget

- Total Construction Cost
 - \$675,700
- Funding Sources
 - City ARPA Funds: \$250,000
 - County ARPA Funds: \$250,000
 - Corporate Donations: \$30,000+
 - Grants: \$25,000+
 - Fundraising/Internal Reserves



Budget - Itemized

Category	Amount
General Requirements	\$95,760
Carpentry	\$70,000
Site Work & Utilities	\$65,000
Drywall	\$55,000
Concrete	\$45,000
Electrical	\$41,000
Plumbing	\$40,000
Design Fees	\$36,240
Interior Doors	\$35,000
HVAC	\$32,500
Siding	\$25,000
Painting	\$25,000
Roofing	\$18,000
Insulation	\$15,000
Owner Allowance	\$15,000
Cabinet Allowance	\$12,000
Sealed Concrete	\$9,200
Windows	\$9,000
Storefront Doors	\$9,000
Appliance Allowance	\$7,500
Epoxy Floors	\$6,500
Overhead Doors	\$4,000
Bath Accessories	\$2,500
Sidewalk	\$2,500



Measures

- Short Term
 - "Relief Valve" for City/County animal control officers in the form of 10 to 12 indoor dog kennels exclusively for animal control when the shelter is full
 - Provide a veterinary resource for animal control
 - Lower the barrier to care
 - In 2018 nationwide there were an estimated 29 million dogs and cats living with families that were participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - In April 2023 6,603 Vigo County households were participating in SNAP
 - Reduce the number of animals relinquished to the shelter due to inability to pay for vet care.
 - Approximately 70% of the animals relinquished to the shelter by the pet owner is due to the owner not being able to pay for healthcare for their pet.



Measures

- Long Term
 - Reduce the stray animal population in Vigo County through an aggressive low cost spay/neuter program
 - The pandemic along with the closure of the SPOT clinic exacerbated the stray animal problem in Terre Haute
 - Nation-wide deficit of 2.7 million spay/neuter surgeries between 2020 and 2021
 - Shelters nation wide are in crisis mode
 - In 7 years a single pair of cats and their offspring can produce 420,000 kittens
 - Kittens born as strays have a high mortality rate – ~75%
 - Average cost to in Indiana to have a dog spayed/neutered at a traditional veterinary practice is **\$400**
 - The cost at the THHS clinic will be less than \$100 and grants could potentially allow us to offer free spay/neuters to low income residents.

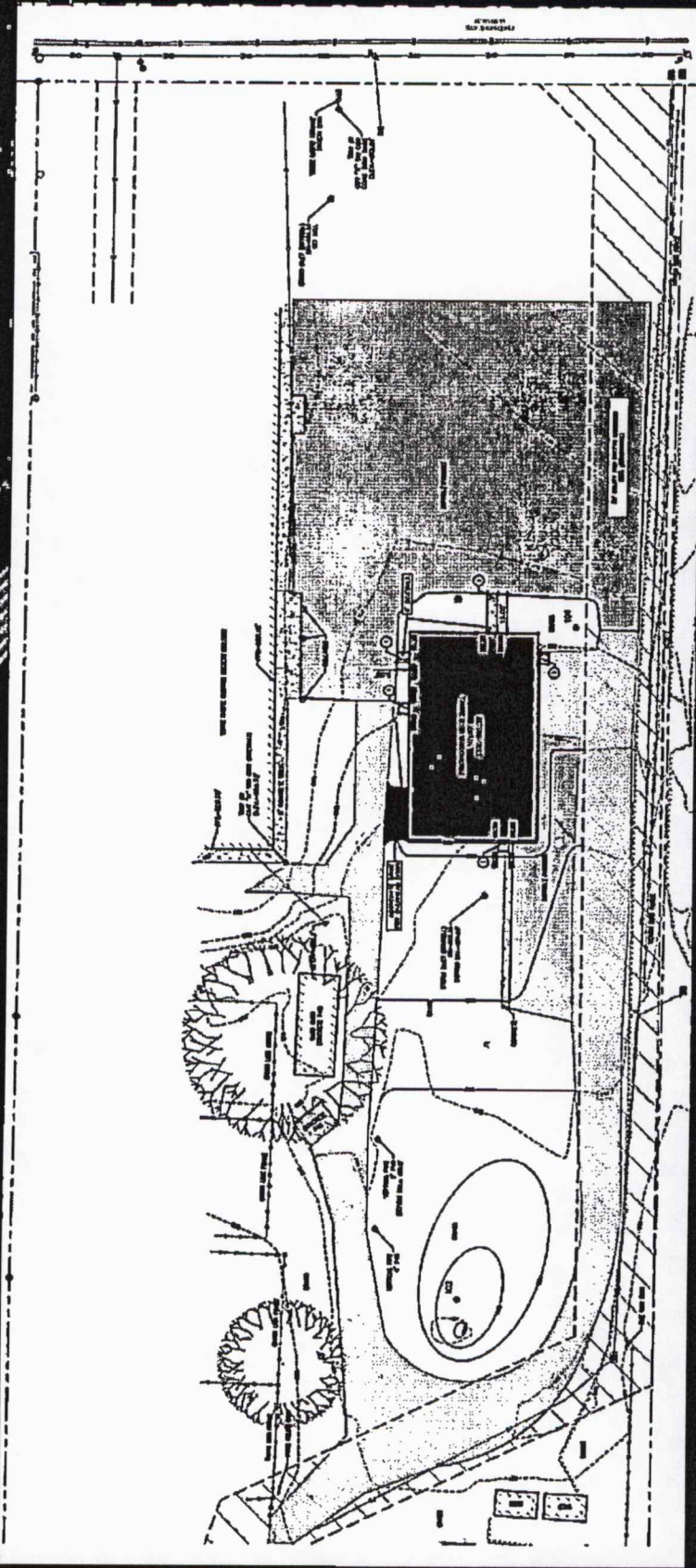


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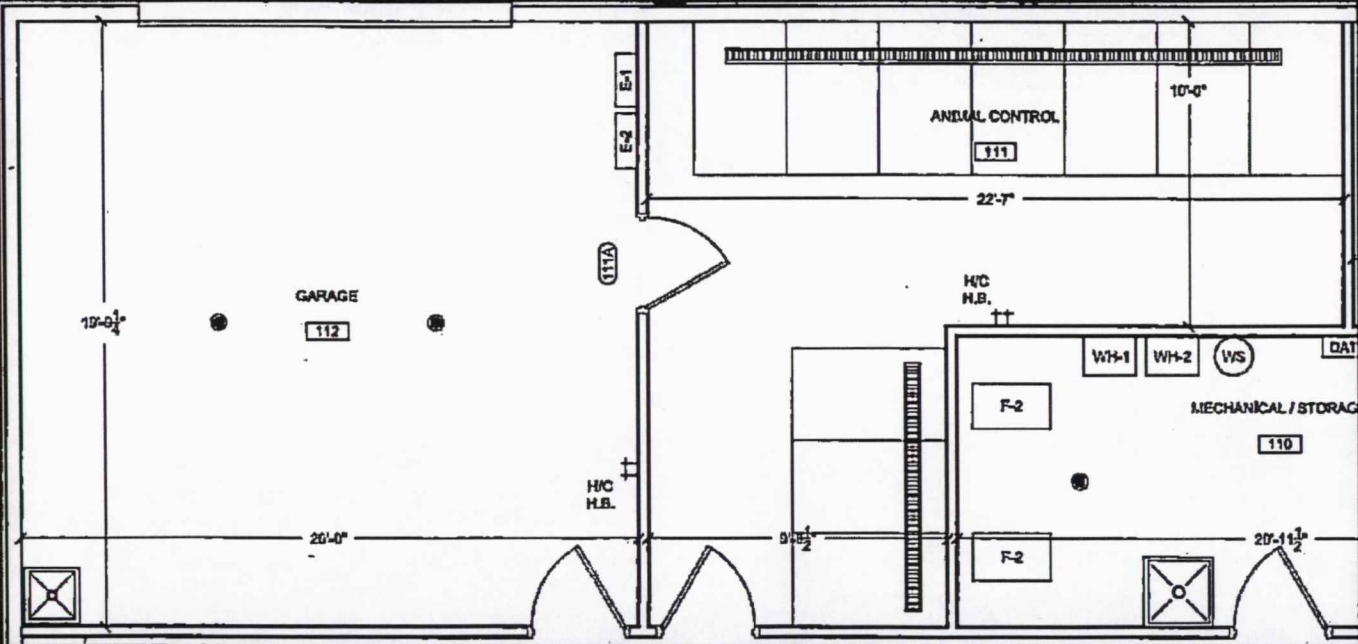
- Long Term – Spay Neuter
 - Long term impact of aggressive spay/neuter programs
 - Vanderburgh Humane Society Low Cost Clinic (Evansville)
 - Opened in 2012
 - Spayed/Neutered 5,010 cats and 1,776 dogs in 2022
 - 100,000 spay/neuter surgeries performed since opening in 2012



Site Plan



Floor Plan - Animal Control Kennels



Financial Sustainability

- Estimate annual operating expenses to be around \$400,000
 - Staffing:
 - 1 Full time vet
 - 2 to 3 vet techs/assistants
 - Clinic manager/receptionist
- Estimate that annual income will be around \$400,000





Questions?

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