



**MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 AT 6:32 P.M.**

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Desiree Garner
Commissioner Rick Hannasch
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

None

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Krawczynski at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Citizen's Participation

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters, encouraged the Commission to hold a future discussion addressing the wild hog issues within the City of Garden Ridge

3. Business Items-

The Committee may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

a) Minutes- August 21, 2017 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Hannasch, and seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2017. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted seven (7) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.

i. Police

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the Police report.

ii. Animal Control

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the Animal Control report.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed the rentals of live traps and what happened to the wildlife that are caught in the traps.

c) City of Hollywood Park Deer Management Program

i. Presentation (limit of 15 minutes)

Randy Thomasine, Deer Manager for the City of Hollywood Park, provided details of how Hollywood Park began its Deer Management Program and how the program works today. He stated that he works with the Deer Committee and originally the City used TTP to get the herd numbers down and then switched to TTT. He stated now, after the deer are darted, they are loaded and transported to a ranch in West Texas. He stated he called around to different ranches to find out if they were interested in taking the deer and after they found a ranch who was willing to take the deer, he helped the owner become a State approved site for accepting the deer. He stated the key to a successful program is education and communication concerning their deer management program.

ii. Discussion

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed the deer per acre ratio for Hollywood Park, cost of darting and transporting to the site and survival rate. They also discussed the darting, ear tagging and tattoo process. The Commission also discussed the communications the City of Hollywood Park provides.

d) Review Ordinance 186 prohibiting the feeding of deer within the City limits of Garden Ridge

i. Review and discuss

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed the enforcement of Ordinance 186 and the priority to enforcement. They also discussed the need for educating the residents on why they should not feed the wildlife.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, encouraged residents to help enforce the Ordinance 186 by calling dispatch when they see someone feeding the deer. She stated she will also ask the Police Department to keep an eye out for feeding within the City limits.

e) Deer counts for both 2016 and 2017

i. Review and discuss

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the deer counts and the TTP for 2015 and 2016. They also discussed the differences with the counts and the effect the weather had on the counts.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission agreed by consensus to forward the counts to Texas Parks and Wildlife for their review and to summarize the results.

f) Wildlife survey

i. Discuss 2015 Deer Survey

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed the results of the 2015 Survey and the number of surveys returned.

ii. Discuss the creation of Wildlife Survey

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed the creation of a Wildlife Survey and the involvement of Texas Parks and Wildlife in the final survey. They also discussed providing education to the residents before sending out the survey, which will help residents understand the different programs and cost.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission agreed by consensus to hold an educational training session before mailing out the surveys. They also agreed by consensus to send questions they feel should be on the survey to the City Secretary so she can gather them for Vice Chair Segovia to send to Texas Parks and Wildlife for assistance and recommendations.

g) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Webpage

i. Review and provide directions to Staff

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Webpage and suggested adding a link to the Agendas and Minutes.

h) Next step to creating a Wildlife Management Program for the City of Garden Ridge.

i. Training/Education

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed Texas Parks and Wildlife holding training to help educate the residents.

Vice Chair Segovia volunteered to contact Texas Parks and Wildlife to hold a training session.

i) Report on City Council items discussed at the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting regarding Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Erickson stated he reported to City Council at the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting that deer counts were occurring, then the counts would be compiled, and then the Commission would be making a recommendation. The process could be delayed due to the weather. He also stated that City Council thanked them for their hard work.

j) Set date, time and location for next meeting (October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.).

Motion: Upon a motion made by Chairman Krawczynski and a second by Commissioner Sullivan to set the date, time and location for the next meeting to be October 16, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

k) Future Agenda Items.

The Commission provided the following as future agenda items:

- Deer count summary.
- Recommendation of survey to City Council.
- TPW Permit Application process and timeline for submission of a possible permit.
- Budget for feral hogs.

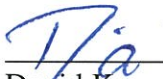
- Education opportunities with TPW.
- Education/Communication article in Grapevine.

4. Citizen Participation – 2 minute limit per citizen

Randy Thomasine, Deer Manager for the City of Hollywood Park, recommended the Commission work with Liz Bates at TPW and let her determine the deer population and recommend the number of deer needing to be culled.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kneupper and a second by Commissioner Hannasch, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary