



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Dawn Hatch
Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

None

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:

Councilmember Kay Bower
Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, Dr. Jim Miller,
Planning and Zoning Commission Vice Chair, Mark Hausheer
Planning and Zoning Commissioner, David Ringle

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 Chairman Krawczynski at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2018 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge Allegiance

Chair Krawczynski led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair Statement.

Chair Krawczynski read a statement concerning Wildlife Management in the City (see attached).

4. Welcome Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney

Chair Krawczynski welcomed Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

5. Citizen's Participation

Chair Krawczynski read the rules for speaking and stated at the end of the three minutes, your mic will be turned off and you will be thanked for speaking.

Jason Miller, 9002 Cinnabar Court, spoke regarding the Deer Management and the budgeted \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 being spent.

Christi Morrow, 21120 Forest Waters, spoke regarding deer management, Deer Manager and the budgeted \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 being spent. She provided pictures and post from a Deer Manager's social media account (see attached).

Marianne Sterling, 9006 Cinnabar Court, spoke regarding the "kill our deer committee" and Deer Manager. She provided pictures and post from a Deer Manager's social media account (see attached).

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wink Park, spoke regarding the Deer Manager and public servants should listen to residents.

Colonel Karl Tibbetts, 21330 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding deer management, Deer Manager and the budgeted funds being spent.

David Dauer, Regency Oaks, spoke about the feeding of deer and a Deer Manager. He also spoke to the process of the deer after they are culled.

Brenda Davis, 20214 Regency Run, spoke about the number of deer currently in Garden Ridge and what is being said on NextDoor.

Amy Friedman, 9908 Kathrine Glen, spoke about the slaughtering of deer and what is being said on NextDoor.

Mary Rethman, 9450 Cinchona, spoke about not receiving the Wildlife Survey and about a Deer Manager.

Jan R. Wagner, 9040 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke about the harm caused by feeding the deer corn and the causes of inbred deer.

Dean Lemmers, 21125 Paradise Pass, passed on speaking.

Frankie Friend, 21419 Forest Waters Circle, spoke about the deer management process and the budgeted \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 being spent.

Lisa Connolly, 21559 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the effect the deer management is having on friends and neighbors.

6. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

i. Approval of Minutes for July 16, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the Minutes for the June 16, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Expiring terms (September 30, 2018) of Commissioners (Commissioners Bippert, Hatch, and McKinney).

1. Discuss eligibility due to term limits.

Commissioners Bippert, Hatch and McKinney expressed their interest in serving another term.

2. Recommendation to City Council for consideration of reappointment.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to recommend to City Council appointment of Commissioners Bippert, Hatch, and McKinney to service a full term on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission. The Commission voted by roll call:

Commissioner Kneupper	aye
Commissioner McKinney	aye
Commissioner Sullivan	aye
Vice Chairman Segovia	aye
Commissioner Bippert	aye
Commissioner Hatch	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports

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

a. Police

b. Animal Control

The Commission discussed the Police and Animal Services Reports and noted the following:

- 2 feral hogs
- Deer in a swimming pool
- Wildlife totals that are have been picked up year-to-date

ii. Wildlife Management Plan.

a. Clarification on approved motion from July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting, to recommend to City Council that twenty Deer Counts/Surveys be conducted with each Commissioner conducting two and the remaining six be conducted by Garden Ridge residents.

Chair Krawczynski stated at the August 1, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting he stated the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted to recommend to City Council that twenty Deer Counts be conducted with the Commissioners conducting 14 and 6 being conducted by Garden Ridge residents. He stated since the Commission meeting he has heard from Commissioners that were confused by the motion and vote regarding the twenty Deer Counts, so as the Commission Chair he told the City Council that he was tabling the recommendation so they could clarify the motion. He

stated the City Council agreed by consensus for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to clarify the recommendation and bring it back to them on September 5, 2018.

The Commission discussed the motion from July 14th Commission Meeting and what they felt the intent was.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to recommend to City Council that 14 Deer Counts be approved.

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, explained the Parliamentary Procedure for rescinding the motion and vote from July 14th Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan and Commissioner Kneupper both withdrew their motions.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to rescind the motion from the July 14 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission that was to recommend to City Council that 20 Deer Counts be conducted with 14 of those be conducted by Commissioners and 6 being conducted by residents. The Commission voted by roll call:

Commissioner Kneupper	aye
Commissioner McKinney	aye
Commissioner Sullivan	aye
Vice Chairman Segovia	aye
Commissioner Bippert	aye
Commissioner Hatch	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to recommend to City Council that 14 Deer Counts be conducted by Commissioners. The Commission voted by roll call:

Commissioner Kneupper	aye
Commissioner McKinney	aye
Commissioner Sullivan	aye
Vice Chairman Segovia	aye
Commissioner Bippert	aye
Commissioner Hatch	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hatch, to add 6 additional Deer Counts to be conducted by citizens. No second was received so the motion failed.

b. Deer Survey/Counts, dates, times and locations (Kneupper).

The Commission reviewed the Deer Survey/Counts that have been submitted so far.

Commissioner Hatch requested the Deer Counts that had been submitted be thrown out since she felt they were not complete. She felt that the Deer Counting should start over and that the same speed and driving direction be used.

The Commission discussed the TPW requirements and procedures for conducting a Deer Count. They also discussed the few requirements and form that TPW has are for spotlight counts and for open range, not urban counts.

c. Discussion of Texas Parks and Wildlife permits.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a meeting was held with TPW, City Staff, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, and several others. She stated this meeting was very educational. She stated several permits were discussed, as well as deer management and education efforts.

Chair Krawczynski stated the new Biologist for Comal County was in the meeting and has only been in the position for 2 weeks. He stated the Biologist has over 20 years of experience and he is trying to get him to come and speak at one of the Commission meetings.

Vice Chair Segovia stated she felt the meeting was very informative and she felt that there are a lot of items that can be addressed to help with the some of the issues Garden Ridge is experiencing.

d. Feral Hogs and feral cat issues within the City.

The Commission discussed the feral hog and cat issues within the City. They also discussed the potential increase of feral hogs due to the new high school driving them into the City.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she will have the Animal Services come and speak about the feral hogs and cats within the City.

c) Updates/Recommendations

i. Commissioner's Projects

a. Texas A&M about a non-drug birth control study that is currently being conducted (Segovia).

Vice Chair Segovia stated Elizabeth Bates, previous TPW Biologist for Comal County, felt Garden Ridge would be a liable candidate for the study, but she will now need to work with Craig Hensley, TPW Biologist for Comal County.

b. Deer/vehicle collision reduction cost and permission from Texas Department of Transportation, State of Texas, and Comal County (Hatch).

Commissioner Hatch stated she did not have time to work on this agenda item due to her work schedule.

c. Research on processing facilities and recipient wildlife charities for consumption of processed deer meat (Hatch).

Commissioner Hatch stated she did not have time to work on this agenda item due to her work schedule.

d. Research on processing facilities and recipient of human charities for consumption of processed deer meat (Segovia).

Vice Chair Segovia stated the processed deer meat belongs to the State of Texas and they say who gets the meat. The State has said the deer meat must be for human consumption. She provided a history of what Trinity Oaks charges and the process they use for their charities to receive the processed deer meat. She also provided information on other charities who also feed the deer meat to humans.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated only the processed renderings can go to feeding wildlife.

e. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

The Commission discussed the previous issues noted by residents regarding inbreeding of wildlife.

f. Cost and provider for autopsy of a deer showing signs of Bottle Neck (Krawczynski).

Chair Krawczynski stated he spoke with the new TPW Biologist for Comal County and he will be helping him to get some information on autopsies.

g. Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Commissioner Hatch stated she is unable to do the education session for September.

The following schedule will be used for the upcoming education/training sessions:

October-Commissioner Hatch

November- Commissioner McKinney

December-Commissioner Bippert

ii. City Council Update/Report.

a. August 1, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Chair Krawczynski stated the Commission already discussed the tabling of Deer Counts, but he also updated the City Council on the Texas A&M a non-drug birth control study and the Streiter Reflector Lights.

b. September 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.

a. Requirements of Ordinance 210 (Commissioners must attend two (2) City Council meetings a year).

Chair Krawczynski reminded the Commissioners that Ordinance 210 requires them to attend two City Council meetings a year.

d) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

- Feral cats discussion with Animal Services (Sullivan)
- Animal Services on the deer found in swimming pool (Bippert)
- Question and Answer Session with Randy Tomasini (Hatch)
- Explore other options for TTP (Segovia)

ii. Set time, date, and location of Commission Special Meeting, if necessary.

Chair Krawczynski stated he did not feel there is a need for a Special Meeting.

iii. Announcement of next Regular Meeting Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Chair Krawczynski announced the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

5. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total.

Debbie Preston, 9325 Blazing Start Trail, spoke regarding the Wildlife Survey and the totals.

Pam Fritz, 8927 Garden Ridge Dr., spoke regarding the number of deer in Garden Ridge and also about Lime Disease DVD's available in the Garden Ridge Library.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding being neutral about the deer issues, but feels that if residents are upset then they need to be filing to run for office. He also provided the filing period dates for Mayor and City Council.

David Dauer, 20003 Regency Oaks, spoke regarding feral hogs issue outside of Garden Ridge and coming towards the City. He also spoke regarding aerial surveys.

Gary Woffe, 22211 Quite Moon Dr., spoke regarding liking the deer and wanting the City of be more receptive to citizens wishes. He also spoke regarding the City conducting a referendum.

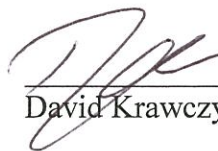
David Ringle, 9234 Blazing Star Trail, spoke regarding the City not listening to residents. He also stated he was tired of City government wasting tax payers' money.

Amy Harrell, 9315 Sumac Lane, spoke regarding the requirements for Spotlight Deer Counts. She also spoke to deer signs, surveys and deer antlers.

Jan Wagner, 9040 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke regarding potential deer manager. He also recommended the Commission educate residents on what to do if they see a feral hog.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, August 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Krawczynski.



David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary