



City of Garden Ridge

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AGENDA
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 -- 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted on November 17, 2017 before 5:00 p.m., providing time, place, date and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Citizen Comments – limited to 30 minutes

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4. Business Items-

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

a) Minutes-

- i. October 16, 2017 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.
- ii. October 23, 2017 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Special Meeting.

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

- i. Police
- ii. Animal Control

c) Wildlife survey

i. Discuss and recommendation on the following:

- Distribution of survey
- Quantity distributed per household.
- Collection of survey
- Process for counting returned surveys
- Timeframe for distributing and collecting survey
- Advertising survey
- Direction to add YouTube educational video link to survey

d) Set date, time and location for next meeting December 18, 2017 at 6 p.m.

e) Future Agenda Items.

5. Citizen's Participation: - limited to 20 minutes.

See "Rules for Citizen's Participation" under Item 3.

6. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required:

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized:

The Commission may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Commission reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matter listed below, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 55, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized:

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by

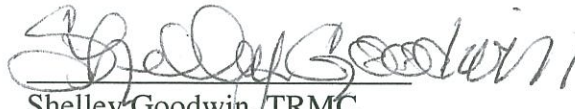
legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of the City Council, other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 11:50 a.m. November 17, 2017 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
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MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Desiree Garner
Commissioner Rick Hannasch

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2017 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Citizen's Participation

No one wished to speak.

3. Business Items-

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

a) Minutes- September 18, 2017 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Chair Krawczynski, and seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2017. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) 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 tracking wild hog incidents.

c) Deer counts results for 2017

i. Review and discuss

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the deer counts and compared them to 2016 deer counts. They estimated the deer population for the City is one deer per acre, but will forward them to Elizabeth Bates, Texas Parks & Wildlife to figure to do the calculations.

d) Wildlife survey and TTT research

i. Discuss 2017 Wildlife Survey and possibly make a recommendation to the City Council.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the proposed survey and they agreed by consensus to remove the following:

- 8. f. Sharpshooters
- 8. g. Fertility Control

The Commission discussed providing additional education to the residents so they could be better informed to answer the survey. They also discussed archery hunting and the possibility of hunting on Hanson Quarry property.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kneupper, and seconded by Commissioner Bippert, to recommend to City Council the approval of the amended Wildlife survey. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Discuss the TTT research provided by Commissioner Sullivan.

Commissioner Sullivan reviewed his research on TTT (see attached).

The Commission discussed the different methods of trapping deer, locations for transporting to, methods for getting the required blood samples. The Commission also discussed TTT questions to ask Texas Parks and Wildlife on October 23, 2017.

e) Upcoming Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Public Education Session set for October 23, 2017.

i. Discuss and provide directions to staff for advertising efforts.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission asked that the Public Education Session for October 23, 2017 be advertised on the following methods:

- City signs
- Website
- Social Media (Facebook, NextDoor and Twitter)
- Email HOA presidents to share with their residents

f) Education article for November Grapevine.

i. Discuss and provide directions to staff.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the Grapevine deadlines with the Commission.

Councilmember Erickson recommended an article be written for the Grapevine encouraging residents to attend the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission meetings and in the future do education articles.

g) Report on City Council items discussed at the October 4, 2017 Regular Meeting regarding Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Erickson stated the October 4, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting was a great meeting. He stated Vice-Chair Segovia provided the City Council with an update on the Commission, deer counts and the proposed survey. He stated the City Council was pleased with the progress the Commission has made.

h) Set date, time and location for next meeting (October 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. or immediately following the Steering Committee if later and November 20, 2017 at 6 p.m.).

Motion: Upon a motion made by Chair Krawczynsk , and seconded by Vice-Chair Segovia, to set the date, time and location of next meetings Special Meeting October 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. or immediately following the Steering Committee if later and Regular Meeting November 20, 2017 at 6 p.m. and both to be held in the City Council Chambers. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

i) Future Agenda Items.

The Commission provided the following as future agenda items:

- Survey results for December Regular Meeting
- Wild hog issues and wild hog management
- Hunting on Hanson Quarry
- Live traps
- Identify signs of wildlife

4. Citizen Participation – 2 minute limit per citizen

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke on the Special Meeting set for October 23, 2017. She also spoke on processes of White-tail Deer management.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Chair Krawczynsk and a second by Commissioner Sullivan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
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DEER POPULATION SUMMARY

Ranch: Garden Ridge

Survey Technique: Spotlight & Herd Comp

County: Comal

Year: 2017

Survey Route/Pasture	Date	Deer Observed					Acres Sampled	Acres Per Deer	Deer Per 1,000 Ac.
		Bucks	Does	Fawns	Undet	Total			
Garden Ridge	8/2/17	7	45	27		79	198	2.51	398.4
Garden Ridge	8/29/17	10	81	28		119	198	1.66	602.4
Garden Ridge	9/2/17	13	60	25		98	198	2.02	495.0
Garden Ridge	9/3/17	16	67	26		109	198	1.82	549.5
Garden Ridge	9/8/17	17	26	27		70	198	2.83	353.4
Garden Ridge	9/16/17	11	79	27		117	198	1.69	591.7
Garden Ridge	9/1/17	17	90	35		142	198	1.39	719.4
Garden Ridge	9/10/17	16	47	27		90	198	2.20	454.5
Garden Ridge	9/13/17	12	63	21		96	198	2.06	485.4
Survey Totals		119	558	243		920	1,782	1.94	515.5
Incidental Observations									
Combined Totals		119	558	243		920			

Ranch Size (ac.): 2,780

Harvest Recommendation

Antlered Bucks:

Acres/Deer: 1.94
Does/Buck: 4.69
Fawns/Doe: 0.44

Composition -

Bucks: 12.9%
Does: 60.7%
Fawns: 26.4%

Antlerless Deer:

Deer/1,000Ac: 516.27
Adult/1,000Ac: 379.91
Acres/Adult: 2.63

Estimated Population -

Bucks: 186
Does: 870
Fawns: 379
Total: 1,435

Remarks:

If you were to remove 200 white-tailed deer it would bring your estimated winter density down from 1.94 acres per deer to 2.25 acres per deer. This is NOT a recommendation on the number of deer to remove. This is simply to give you an idea of the impact of removing 200 deer.

Paul A. Sullivan
8750 Bindseil Lane
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

Notes for Wildlife Management Commission regarding TTT (Trap, Transport & Transplant)

Contacts:

Elizabeth Bates, TP&W Dept

Nathan Conely, TP&W Dept

Randy Tomasini, Hollywood Park Deer Mgt and Independent Trapper

James Bond, Cherokee Trapping (trapper used previously by GR)

Attachment:

A research paper that looked at survival and body condition of deer that were trapped and translocated in South Texas

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/nwrc/publications/08pubs/campbell088.pdf

Both the research paper and Mr. Tomasini used 40% as the survival rate of deer transported. Ms Bates noted that the further they were transported the higher the mortality due to stress and the change in available food. She also noted that our almost tame deer are ill equipped to evade predators including hunters.

Ms Bates also said that trappers were the most likely source to know of relocation sites available, but neither trapper I spoke with had any sites available, and that most sites only took small numbers so that we would need to find many sites.

Mr. Bond suggested that June was the time to start looking for sites because you need to contact so many to find the very few available.

TTT Permit is \$750.00 TTP permit no charge. Both take 4 to 6 weeks.

Councilman McCaw commented that he thought there was a shortage of does in Leon County. I called Mr. Conley the State Biologist for the area and he chuckled and said they were just fine with does and perhaps had a surplus. He promised to call me if that changed.

Mr. Tomasini reminded me that he traps with walled enclosures and loads the deer directly into a trailer. This method has less visibility for the general public.



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**MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
(Immediately following the Steering Committee Meeting)**

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1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Members present, the Special Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Krawczynski at 7:29 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Presentation by Texas Parks and Wildlife on the managing of White-tail Deer population

a) Interactive question activity with citizen participation.

Elizabeth Bates, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist, provided a PowerPoint (see attached) regarding the history of White-tail Deer population, reasons to manage the population, options for managing the population, and different permitting processes. An informational electronic quiz was given to everyone in attendance.

b) Question and Answer Session

Q: Bag limits are set by State or County?

A: County; Comal County allows 2 bucks and 3 does per season.

Q: Could a deer be darted and then sterilized be harmful to the meat?

A: Currently this is being researched.

Q: Does TPW recommend trapping every year?

A: Yes, until the management phase can be entered.

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Wildlife Management Commission
City of Garden Ridge

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police
City of Garden Ridge

Date: 15 November 2017

Copies:

Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics

Members of the Commission,

Here is the data collected in the last 30 days regarding the Police Departments involvement with animal related calls. These numbers do not include any cases related to domestic dogs or cats. We have been informed by two residents that their dogs have been injured by porcupines, but no official police reports were filed.

16 October 2017 - 15 November 2017

- 3- Injured deer / dispatched by Officer
- 1- Injured deer but ran off when Officer approached
- 1- Deceased deer hit by car
- 2- Deer stuck in fences / removed
- 1- Sick racoon / dispatched
- 1- Sick fox / dispatched
- 1- Possible sick opossum / removed by ACO



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2017 Wildlife Report

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug. 21- Sept. 14	Sep. 15 Oct. 12	Oct. 13 Nov. 15	Dec.	Total
Deer	9	11	9	14	18	14	14	4	13	36		142
Raccoons	2	3	6	4	4	14	10	8	9	18		78
Opossums	5	5	9	10	3	3	1	8	11	10		65
Skunks	12	2	0	0	3	7	12	17	7	8		68
Wild hogs	0	0	0	0	12	1	5	0	0	0		18
Turtles	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
Squirrels	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0		8
Foxes	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3		6
Armadillos	0	0	0	3	5	4	4	0	3	0		19
Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Bats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Coyotes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Buzzards	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		4
Ringtails	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0		4
Snakes	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	1		8
Total	32	21	30	33	49	43	51	44	44	77	0	424
											YTD Total	424