



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Vice-Chair David Krawczynski
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Troy Bippert (Arrived at 6:08pm)
Commissioner Shannon Drichta (Arrived at 7:03pm)
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia (Voluntary Announced Absence)
Vacancy

City Staff Present, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary
David Dauer, Planning and Zoning Commission
Jesse Valdez, Water Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair Krawczynski at 6:10 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call: See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-Chair Krawczynski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen Comment Period:

Mary Rethman, 9450 Cinchona Trail, spoke regarding feral hogs, deer management, and diseases carried by Wildlife.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding House Bill 2840, Davenport High School, and feral hogs.

5. Business Items

The following items are for discussion and/or possible action, including recommendations:

a) **Education/Training Session – Bees by Mark de Kiewiet (limited to 30 minutes total)(Kneupper).**
Mark de Kiewiet reviewed the presentation Bees (see attached). He answered questions from the audience and the Commission.

b) Approvals

- i. **Minutes for September 16, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.**

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the minutes for September 16, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussions/Reports

i. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.

1. Feral Hogs

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, stated the City has one corral trap at the end of Senna Hills and reviewed the strategy of catching feral hogs. He stated there are 3 box traps throughout Georg Ranch and discussed how the City has contacted trappers for recommendations, pricing, and miscellaneous information.

The Commission discussed feral hog incidents and the steps taken by the City. Commissioner Kneupper stated the City has four (4) personal traps available to residents to rent. Commissioner Sullivan stated a more sophisticated monitoring system could help the City.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated it is unknown if the available funds within the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will cover the proposals she has requested from professional trappers.

Councilmember Swint spoke regarding Comal ISD and the principal of Davenport High School willing to help with the feral hogs on their property.

2. Police Department and Animal Services

The Commission reviewed the wildlife report from the Police Department and Animal Services.

d) Updates/Recommendations

i. Review and discuss deer management program with Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC.

1. Discuss and make recommendations related to deer management, if needed.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski stated Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC could not attend this month's meeting; therefore, this item will be placed on the November agenda. The Commission had no update at this time.

ii. Development of comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

1. Discuss and make possible recommendations regarding topics and/or items in the Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski stated the Commission should review the plan for grammatical errors and send any edits to City Staff.

iii. Commissioner's Projects

1. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

The Commission had no update at this time.

2. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed the schedule for future education/training sessions: November – Commissioner Drichta (Denise Weaver, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited: Birds). December – Commissioner Drichta (TBD/possibly Humane Society to discuss habitat improvement).

iv. Meeting Updates/Reports

1. October 2, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Swint stated the City Council approved the Commission deer management recommendation.

2. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

Commissioner Bippert had no update at this time.

v. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall

be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

1. Discuss and accept the resignation of Commissioner McKinney.

The Commission discussed the resignation of Commissioner McKinney.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to accept the resignation of Commissioner McKinney. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Interview possible candidates for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2020).

The Commission interviewed and reviewed resumes of Angus Beaird and Dr. Denise Miner-Williams.

3. Make recommendation to City Council for appointment of Commissioner.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to recommend to City Council the appointment of Dr. Denise Miner-Williams to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4 vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2020. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.

The Commission did not have any additional matters to discuss at this time.

e) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

The Commission requested feral hogs and the deer management program with Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC remain on the agenda.

ii. Announcement of next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting (Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall).

Vice-Chair Krawczynski announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

David Dauer, 20003 Regency Oaks, spoke regarding feral hogs.

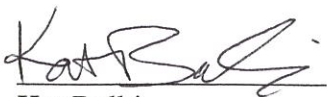
Miriam Douglas-Evans, 8502 Tuscan Hills Drive, spoke regarding feral hogs.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding employee hours and professional trappers for feral hogs.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, October 21, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Krawczynski.

ATTEST:



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary



David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair