



City of Garden Ridge

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AGENDA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular session on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. 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 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 to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Rules for Citizens’ Participation: The Commission welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Commission Meetings. The Commission offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

a) Respect and courtesy:

1. Direct your comments to the entire Commission, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
2. Show the Commission the same respect that you would like to be shown.
3. End your speaking at the time allotted below.

b) Speaking:

1. First citizen comment period
 - i. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3-minute period.
2. Second citizen comment period
 - i. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2-minute period.
3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
4. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the Commission is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. Tex. Gov’t Code § 551.042.

5. Business Items

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

a) Approvals

1. Minutes for September 21, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

b) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.
 - i. Police Department and Animal Services.
2. Oak Wilt within the City of Garden Ridge.
3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner activities and projects.
 - i. Update of Commissioner’s activities and projects.
 - ii. Update regarding City and/or State wildlife management.
 - iii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

4. Meeting Updates/Reports
 - i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the October City Council Meeting.
- c) Recommendations
 1. Feral Hog Management.
 - i. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.
 2. Deer Management Program.
 - i. Discuss and make recommendations related to, if needed.
 3. City of Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Plan.
 - i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.
 4. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.
 - i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.
 5. Butterfly Meadow in Paul Davis Park.
 - i. Discuss dedicating or re-naming and make a possible recommendation to City Council.
 6. 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.
 - i. Receive recommendations and consideration of appointment of Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for a one-year term effective October 2020.
 - ii. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.
- d) Future Agenda Items
 1. Commissioners input on agenda items.
 2. Reschedule Monday, December 21, 2020, and Monday, January 18, 2021, Regular Meetings.
 3. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (November 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

**6. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total
See “Rules for Citizens’ Participation” under Item 4.**

7. 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 Commission Authorized: The Commission may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda.

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.

This is to certify that I, Kat Balbi, posted this Agenda at 10:00 a.m. on October 15, 2020, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary



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MINUTES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan (Present Virtually)
Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Shannon Drichta
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent:

Vacant Position

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary

- 1. Call to Order:** With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, Chair Krawczynski called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020, 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:** Chair Krawczynski led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Citizen Comment Period:** No one signed up to speak.
- 5. Business Items**

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

a) Approvals

- 1. Minutes for August 17, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.**

Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams spoke regarding the level of specificity in the minutes. Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary, stated minutes are action based due to a motion made by City Council in 2019 and spoke regarding the live streaming of meetings and how residents can view them online to receive more details.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, to approve the minutes for August 17, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports/Updates

- 1. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.**

i. Police Department and Animal Services.

The Commission discussed the wildlife reports from the Police Department and Animal Services. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, answered questions from the Commission.

2. Oak Wilt within the City of Garden Ridge.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, updated the Commission on the status of oak wilt at Paul Davis Park and surrounding properties as well as answered questions from the Commission.

3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner activities and projects.

i. Update of Commissioner's activities and projects.

The Commission had no updates at this time.

ii. Update regarding City and/or State wildlife management.

The Commission had no updates at this time.

iii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed providing an article for the monthly Grapevine. Commissioner Bippert spoke regarding scheduling an education session for Chronic Wasting Disease with Ben Olsen, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist.

4. Meeting Updates/Reports

i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the September City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Swint updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the September City Council Meeting.

c) Recommendations

1. Feral Hog Management.

i. Discuss and make a possible recommendation on purchasing equipment for hog traps.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke regarding the recommendations for a hog gate and game cameras. Commissioner Bippert spoke regarding the compatibility of the cameras with the City's current cellular plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, to recommend to City Council the purchase of two (2) Hog Boss automatic gate doors, four (4) game cameras, batteries, and the data plan coverage. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Bippert, to recommend the purchase of the five (5) game cameras contingent on cellular plan compatibility. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.

The Commission had no further discussion at this time.

2. Deer Management Program.

i. Review deer counts including Texas Parks and Wildlife population summary and recommendation.

Ben Olsen, TPWD Biologist, reviewed the 2020 Deer Population Summary and recommendation from the three (3) deer counts conducted. He spoke regarding his expectation of a higher deer population and the overall health of herd. The Commission discussed the possible correlation between the decline in vehicular accidents and the increase in population. The Commission discussed possible relocation areas.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Bippert, to recommend to City Council the removal of 100 deer allocated by the Fiscal Year 2021 budget with preference through a Trap, Transport, and Transplant (TTT) permit. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Chair Krawczynski spoke regarding the feeding of deer. Ben Olsen, TPWD Biologist, stated Comal County does not approve of feeding the deer due to it being harmful.

3. City of Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Plan.

i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.

The Commission had no updates at this time.

4. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Councilmember Swint updated the Commission on the current activities of the Parks Committee.

5. Butterfly Meadow in Paul Davis Park.

i. Discuss dedicating or re-naming and make a possible recommendation to City Council.

The Commission discussed dedicating the Butterfly Meadow in Paul Davis Park to former Commissioner Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia. Commissioner Drichta stated she will speak with a Chair of the Parks Committee and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

6. 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.

i. Discuss expiring terms (September 30, 2020) of Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, Commissioner Bippert, and Commissioner Drichta.

The Commission discussed the expiring terms of Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, Commissioner Bippert, and Commissioner Drichta and the Commissioners indicated their desire to serve another term on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

ii. Make recommendations to City Council for consideration of reappointment.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Drichta, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, Commissioner Bippert, and Commissioner Drichta to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2022. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Commission had no further matters to discuss at this time.

d) Future Agenda Items.

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Commissioner Bippert requested an educational presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease by Ben Oslon, TPWD Biologist.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (October 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Krawczynski announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Jesse Deaver, 21430 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the education process of deer management.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, September 21, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Krawczynski.

ATTEST:

David Krawczynski
Chair

Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary

Animal Services Monthly Activities

- 7 deer carcasses were disposed of, which makes for the year 105.
- 0 wild hog was donated this month to Hunters for the Hungry, the year-to-date combined totals for wild hogs and deer donated are 7.
- 2 live traps loaned out this month, traps loaned out year-to-date 11.
- 230 registered/reregistered animals for the year.
- 0 nuisance complaints received.
- 0 animal reported bites.

Adoptions

- 2 dogs; 2 year-to-date.
- 1 cats; 5 year-to-date.

Returned to owners

- 3 dogs; 33 year-to-date.
- 0 cats; 0 year-to-date.

Transferred to other agencies

- 1 dogs for month; 3 year-to-date.
- 0 cats for month; 2 year-to-date.

Currently in City care

- 2 dogs; cats 1.



Additional Information

- 4 Fence
- 2 Natural
- 1 Predator
- 1 Vehicle

Year to Date Wildlife Report

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	17	18	8	6	9	25	8	6	8				105
Raccoons	6	9	14	6	5	5	14	3	8				70
Opossums	5	8	5	8	5	8	3	11	2				55
Skunks	4	6	0	0	2	0	3	1	5				21
Wild hogs	7	5	0	0	0	3	2	1	1				19
Turtles	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0				2
Squirrels	4	6	2	6	3	13	7	5	3				49
Foxes	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4				8
Armadillos	7	6	2	0	0	3	0	1	3				22
Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0				2
Bats	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0				5
Coyotes	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Buzzards	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0				5
Ringtails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				2
Snakes	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2				5
Bobcat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Porcupine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Bird	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Total	51	60	32	30	27	60	44	29	41				374

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 October 2020

Copies:

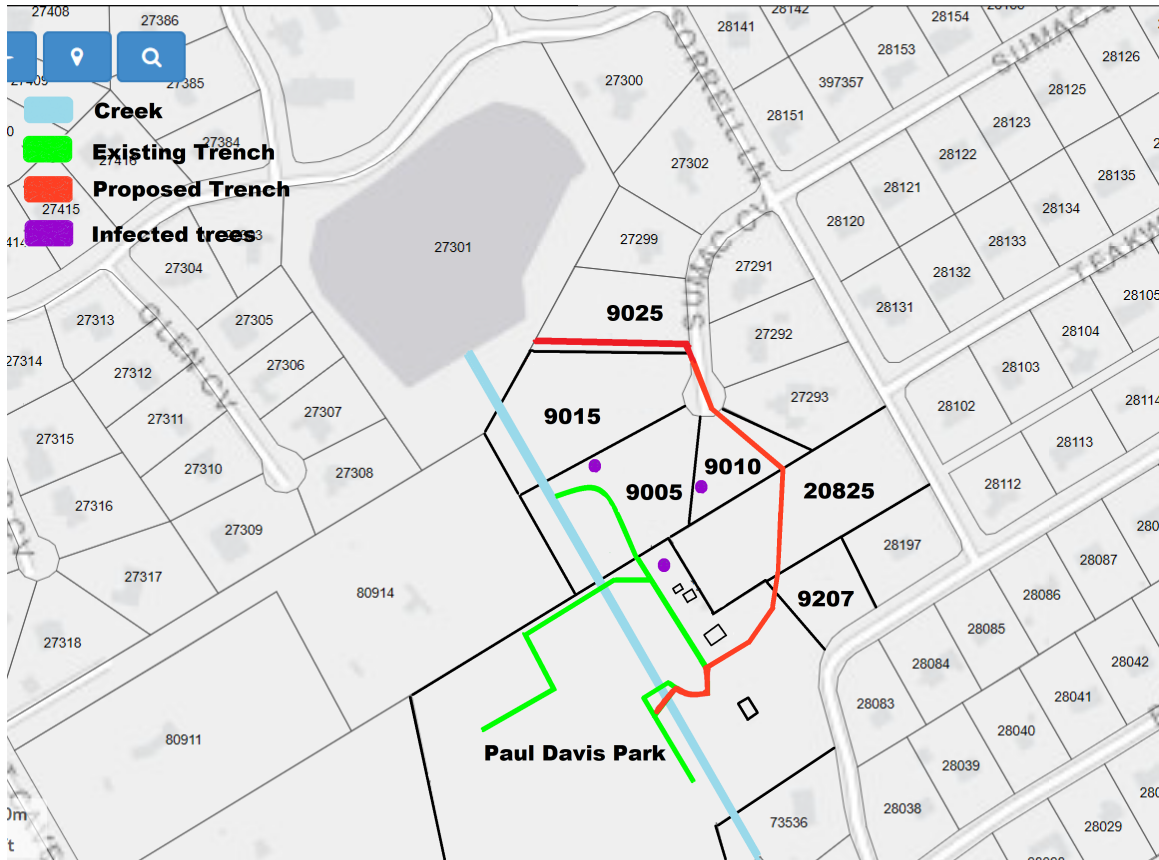
Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics / 14 September through 15 October 2020

Members of the Commission,

Here is the data collected for the preceding weeks regarding the Police Departments involvement with animal related calls. These numbers do not include any cases related to domestic dogs or cats.

14 September through 15 October 2020

- 1 - Sick racoon dipatched by officers
- 1 - Dead deer in roadway / removed
- 1 - Deer stuck in fence / extreme injuries/ dispatched by officer
- 1 - Deer in fence / removed and ran free
- 1 - Fawn struck by car / dispatched by officer



Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (11/02/2020) Commission and Staff items are due
- 11** days before Meeting (11/05/2020) City Administrator and Chair review agenda
City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval
- 7** days before Meeting (11/09/2020) Post Agenda and Commission will receive packet
- 4** days before Meeting (11/12/2020) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- 3** days before Meeting (11/13/2020) (72 hours) – Local Govt. Code requirement for posting

- City Council = Red
- Quarry Commission = Purple
- Planning & Zoning = Green
- Water Commission = Blue
- Wildlife Management Advisory Commission = Brown
- Municipal Court = Gray
- City Holiday = Orange

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Approvals/Discussions/Reports

1. Minutes
2. Wildlife Management Plan / Police & Animal Services Wildlife Report / Ordinance 210
3. Future Agenda Items: Commissioner Input / Set next meeting

December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (12/05/2020) Commission and Staff items are due
- 11** days before Meeting (12/08/2020) City Administrator and Chair review agenda.
City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
- 7** days before Meeting (12/12/2020) Post Agenda and Commission will receive packet
- 4** days before Meeting (12/15/2020) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
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PENDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Education/training session regarding social media from City Attorney (Kneupper)
- Update on research performed on non-drug birth control studies (TBD)
- Discussion on future surveys, including adult children (age 18 or older) living at home (Kneupper)
- Cost and provider for autopsy of a deer showing signs of Bottleneck (Krawczynski)
- Discussion on catching rainwater (Drichta)

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Rolling Attendance

Commissioners	6/17/19 Regular Meeting	7/15/19 Regular Meeting	8/16/19 Regular Meeting	9/16/19 Regular Meeting	10/21/19 Regular Meeting	11/18/19 Regular Meeting	1/27/20 Regular Meeting	6/15/20 Regular Meeting	8/17/20 Regular Meeting	9/21/20 Regular Meeting	10/19/20 Regular Meeting	
Krawczynski	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Vacant												
Miner-Williams						P	P	P	A	P		
Kneupper	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Drichta				P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Bippert	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	U	P	P		
Sullivan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
P	Present		P-QNM	Present but quorum not met		E	Excused for reasons allowed in Ord. 210					
U	Unannounced Absence			Not member yet		A	Voluntary Announced Absence					

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's Attendance at City Council Regular Meetings

Commissioners	01/02/20 Regular Meeting	02/05/20 Regular Meeting	03/04/20 Regular Meeting	05/11/20 Special Meeting	06/03/20 Regular Meeting	07/01/20 Regular Meeting	08/05/20 Regular Meeting	09/02/20 Regular Meeting	10/07/20 Regular Meeting				Total for year
Krawczynski													
Vacant													
Miner-Williams													
Kneupper		P	P	P	P		P	P	P				7
Drichta		P											1
Bippert													
Sullivan													
	Met requirements			Not met requirements									