



# City of Garden Ridge

*"A way of life, not just a place to live"*

## 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 Oslen, 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:



Kat Balbi

Assistant City Secretary

  
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David Krawczynski  
Chair

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
SECOND CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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SUBJECT

1. JESSE DEANER

21430 FOREST WATER CIRCLE

Deer Management

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