



AGENDA

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021, 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) Education/Training Session: “Dark Skies” by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams (limited to 30 minutes total).
- b) Approvals
 1. Minutes for January 25, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.
- c) Discussions/Reports/Updates
 1. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.
 - i. Police Department and Animal Services.
 2. Meeting Updates/Reports.
 - i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the February and March City Council Meetings.
 - ii. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner Activities and Projects.
 - i. Update of Commissioner’s activities and projects.
 - ii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.
4. Wildlife Management Plan, Deer Management Program, and Feral Hog Management.
 - i. Discuss and make recommendations related to, if needed.
5. 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 for severability; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.
 - i. 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. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (April 19, 2021, 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 12:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021, 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



City of Garden Ridge

“A way of life, not just a place to live”

MINUTES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
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
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
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, January 25, 2021, 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, consideration, and action.

a) Education/Training Session – “Dark Skies” by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams.

Chair Krawczynski stated this item was removed from the agenda and will occur at the next meeting.

b) Approvals

1. Minutes for October 19, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to approve the minutes for October 19, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) 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, stated the dispatched hogs are processed and given to a charitable organization.

2. Oak Wilt within the City of Garden Ridge.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, provided the Commission with an update on Oak Wilt within the City of Garden Ridge, stating that containment was completed, and the City's cost shares have been distributed. She stated the City was awaiting the State grant funds for distribution.

3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner activities and projects.

i. Update of Commissioner's activities and projects.

Chair Krawczynski spoke regarding the Mayor's Monarch Pledge Program and Commissioner Drichta volunteered to lead the program. Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams updated the Commission on the status of Chronic Wasting Disease within the County and the ongoing projects related to it. She also spoke regarding available Wildlife Tax Valuation webinars for residents at the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.

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.

Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary, spoke regarding a February grapevine article for the Dark Skies Education Session, which Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams submitted.

4. Meeting Updates/Reports

i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the November, December, and January City Council Regular Meetings.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the November, December, and January City Council Meetings.

d) Recommendations

1. Feral Hog Management.

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

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she will provide an update on the feral hog equipment at the next meeting.

2. Deer Management Program.

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

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, provided an update on possible locations for deer trapping. The Commission discussed other possibilities for deer population control and contacting neighboring cities.

3. City of Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Plan.

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

The Commission had none at this time.

4. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

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

The Commission had none at this time.

5. 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. Interview possible candidates for Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, Place 2 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2021).

The Commission interviewed and reviewed the resume of Dean Lemmers for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 2 vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2021.

ii. Make recommendation to City Council for appointment of commissioner.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to recommend to City Council the appointment of Dean Lemmers to the Wildlife Management Advisory

Commission Place 2 with term expiring September 30, 2021. 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.

e) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

The Commission had none at this time.

2. Reschedule Monday, February 15, 2021, Regular Meeting.

The Commission agreed by consensus to cancel the February 15, 2021, meeting with the next meeting occurring on March 15, 2021.

3. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting.

Chair Krawczynski announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, January 25, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Krawczynski.

ATTEST:

David Krawczynski
Chair

Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary

Animal Services Monthly Activities

- 3 deer carcasses were disposed of, which makes for the year 3.
- 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 .
- 0 live traps loaned out this month, traps loaned out year-to-date .
- 145 registered/reregistered animals for the year.
- 0 nuisance complaints received.
- 0 animal reported bites.

Adoptions

- 1 dogs; 1 year-to-date.
- 0 cats; 0 year-to-date.

Returned to owners

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

Transferred to other agencies

- 0 dogs for month; 0 year-to-date.
- 0 cats for month; 0 year-to-date.

Currently in City care

- 1 dogs; 1 cat: 1 chicken.

Deer Incidents:

2-Predator

1-Natural



Year to Date Wildlife Report

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Raccoons	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Opossums	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Skunks	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Wild hogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turtles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Squirrels	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Foxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armadillos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coyotes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buzzards	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ringtails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bobcat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Porcupine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicken	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Total 17

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GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Wildlife Management Commission
City of Garden Ridge

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police
City of Garden Ridge

Date: 8 March 2021

Copies:

Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics / 16 January 2021 thru 8 March 2021

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.

16 January 2021 thru 8 March 2021

- 3 - Deer stuck in fences. All set free
- 2 - Deer struck by vehicles / incapacitating injuries / dispatched by officer
- 2 - Loose cows in Bat Cave area
- 1 - Animal on roof / Ringtail cat
- 1 - Bobcat spotted near Garden Ridge Elementary School / UTL

Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (04/05/2021) Commission and Staff items are due
- 11** days before Meeting (04/08/2021) City Administrator and Chair review agenda.
City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
- 6** days before Meeting (04/13/2021) Post Agenda and Commission will receive packet
- 4** days before Meeting (04/15/2021) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- 3** days before Meeting (04/16/2021) (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

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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

May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (05/03/2021) Commission and Staff items are due
- 11** days before Meeting (05/07/2021) City Administrator and Chair review agenda.
City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
- 7** days before Meeting (05/10/2021) Post Agenda and Commission will receive packet
- 4** days before Meeting (05/13/2021) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- 3** days before Meeting (05/14/2021) (72 hours) – Local Govt. Code requirement for posting

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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 and Renaming Butterfly Meadow in Paul Davis Park (Drichta)

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Rolling Attendance

Commissioners	1/25/21 Regular Meeting	3/15/21 Regular Meeting	4/19/21 Regular Meeting	5/17/21 Regular Meeting	6/21/21 Regular Meeting	7/19/21 Regular Meeting	8/16/21 Regular Meeting	9/20/21 Regular Meeting	10/18/21 Regular Meeting	11/15/21 Regular Meeting	12/20/21 Regular Meeting	
Krawczynski	P											
Lemmers												
Dr Miner-Williams	P											
Kneupper	P											
Drichta	P											
Bippert	P											
Sullivan	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	01/06/21 Regular Meeting	02/03/21 Regular Meeting	03/03/21 Regular Meeting	04/07/21 Regular Meeting	05/05/21 Regular Meeting	06/02/21 Regular Meeting	07/07/21 Regular Meeting	08/04/21 Regular Meeting	09/01/21 Regular Meeting	10/06/21 Regular Meeting	11/03/21 Regular Meeting	12/01/21 Regular Meeting	Total for year
Krawczynski		P											1
Lemmers													
Dr. Miner-Williams													
Kneupper	P	P	P										3
Drichta													
Bippert													
Sullivan													
	Met requirements			Not met requirements									