



AGENDA
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular session on Monday, June 21, 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) Approvals

1. Minutes for April 19, 2021, 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. Meeting Updates/Reports.
 - i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the May and June City Council Meetings.
 - ii. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.
3. Discussion on Dark Sky.

4. Ordinance No. 196-032018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge amending Ordinance 196-022017 that created a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission for the purpose of studying the feasibility of managing the wildlife populations, particularly white-tailed deer, and tasked with the development of a plan to mitigate impacts caused by wildlife and to reassure the quality of life for residents of Garden Ridge; providing for the purpose and duties of the advisory commission, composition; removing sections of the Ordinance duplicated in Ordinance 210 and providing an effective date.
 - i. Discuss and make recommendations related to, if needed.
 5. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner Activities and Projects.
 - i. Update of Commissioner’s activities and projects.
 - ii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.
 6. Wildlife Management Plan, Deer Management Program, and Feral Hog Management.
 - i. Discuss and make recommendations related to, if needed.
 7. 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.
- c) Future Agenda Items
1. Commissioners input on agenda items.
 2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (July 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 9:00 a.m. on June 15, 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, APRIL 19, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Shannon Drichta
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Dean Lemmers (Voluntary Announced Absence)
Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams (Voluntary Announced Absence)

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, April 19, 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) Approvals

1. Minutes for March 15, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Vice-Chair Kneupper, to approve the minutes for March 15, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted four (4) 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.

2. Meeting Updates/Reports

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

Vice-Chair Kneupper updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the April City Council Meeting.

ii. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

The Commission had none at this time.

3. Discussion on Dark Sky.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Dark Sky initiative begins with the City adopting an Ordinance. Chair Krawczynski spoke regarding the Commission's possible input towards the Draft Zoning Ordinance.

4. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner activities and projects.

i. Update of Commissioner's activities and projects.

The Commission had none at this time.

ii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke regarding writing an article for the June Grapevine.

5. Wildlife Management Plan, Deer Management Program, and Feral Hog Management.

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

The Commission had none at this time.

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

Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary, spoke regarding the waiver approved by City Council for the provision in Ordinance No. 210 that requires Commissioners to attend two (2) City Council regular meetings each calendar year during the current public health emergency and stated Commissioners are still encouraged to attend City Council meetings.

d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

The Commission had none at this time.

2. 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, May 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period

None at this time.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, April 19, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Krawczynski.

ATTEST:

David Krawczynski
Chair

Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Wildlife Management Commission
City of Garden Ridge

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police
City of Garden Ridge

Date: 14 June 2021

Copies:

Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics / 12 April 2021 thru 14 June 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.

12 April 2021 through 14 June 2021

- 1 - Injured deer / dispatched by officer / removed by ACS
- 2 - Apparently still born fawns in roadway / removed by ACS
- 1 - Deer struck by vehicle / Officers unable to locate
- 1 - Dead deer found in yard / removed by ACS

ORDINANCE NO. 196-032018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE AMENDING ORDINANCE 196-022017 THAT CREATED A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF MANAGING THE WILDLIFE POPULATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHITE-TAILED DEER, AND TASKED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO MITIGATE IMPACTS CAUSED BY WILDLIFE AND TO REASSURE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS OF GARDEN RIDGE; PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION, COMPOSITION; REMOVING SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE DUPLICATED IN ORDINANCE 210 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City has within its limits urban deer in such numbers as to constitute a significant overpopulation as reflected in deer counts throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the deer population poses a hazard to motorists in the City, causes a reduction of native plant life and causes damage to landscaping installed by residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the potential of the diseases that wildlife can transmit to humans and feels obligated to educate and protect the health of the residents of the City of Garden Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is aware that wildlife populations have increased within the City limits and finds that additional resources are needed to study the management of the wildlife populations in Garden Ridge, especially white-tailed deer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that a comprehensive wildlife management plan needs to be developed with the input of the residents of Garden Ridge and in compliance with state and federal law to properly address wildlife management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge is authorized to create a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission pursuant to the general authority granted to the City under Chapter 51 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the establishment of a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission is necessary to assist the City Council in carrying out its duties to preserve the safety, health, and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall act solely as an advisory body to the City Council and shall exercise only those functions as provided for in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS:

Section 1. Findings. The findings set out herein are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

Section 2. Commission Created. The City Council hereby creates a Wildlife Commission. This Commission will serve in an advisory capacity only and has no authority to establish policy, regulations or procedures for the City. In addition, this Commission has no authority to expend funds, make obligations on behalf of the City or to manage or otherwise direct City staff.

Section 3. The purpose and duties. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission is established to perform the following duties and accomplish the following purposes:

- A. Study the feasibility of managing the wildlife populations, with emphasis on white-tailed deer, within the City of Garden Ridge consistent with laws and regulations of the State of Texas;
- B. Research and provide advice to the City Council on wildlife management, with an emphasis on white-tailed deer management methods, tools, and options consistent with laws and regulations of the State of Texas;
- C. Conduct public hearings and surveys to obtain a consensus of the residents' position on wildlife management with priority and emphasis on the management of white-tailed deer;
- D. Estimate and monitor the wildlife populations of animals studied as part of a yearly census, particularly white-tailed deer, consistent with methodology acceptable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;
- E. Work with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to create a comprehensive wildlife management plan and determine the requirements for long-term sustainability of a successful wildlife management plan;
- F. Research and consider alternate approaches to wildlife management, with priority and emphasis on the management of white-tailed deer, and prepare a report suitable for presentation to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for consideration of legislative changes;
- G. Initiate communication and public education programs for the community regarding wildlife management and other issues;

- H. Assist the City with the preparation of all Texas Parks and Wildlife Department related documentation;
- I. Assist the City with the implementation and execution of the wildlife management program adopted by the City Council currently existing and as amended;
- J. May work with City Staff to create a survey to allow for residents' input;
- K. May develop recommended procedures for accurate record keeping and reporting for the wildlife management program;
- L. Submit a monthly report of updates of the Commission and be present during the City Council Regular Meetings;
- M. Provide an annual report to the City Council that shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the effects (both positive and negative) the wildlife population is having on the City (including changes in browse lines, deer trails, negative deer-human contacts, deer struck by vehicles); the number of deer the City removed under a state permit the prior year; surveys, educational presentations, deer counts conducted, and a recommendation for the coming year's wildlife management strategy and budget.

Section 4. Census and Management Program.

- A. The census shall be for informational purposes only and shall not be construed as an actual or accurate deer population tally. The City may utilize the deer census as a matrix to determine the effectiveness of its wildlife management plan and in establishing amendments to the wildlife management plan, as needed.
- B. Once the counts are conducted and counts exceed the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's recommended numbers, then the Commission will assist with the implementation and execution of the City's wildlife management program through trapping, transporting and transplanting (hereinafter TTT) or trapping, transporting and processing (hereinafter TTP), or a program of contraception that is approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. TTP is to be utilized only so far as necessary to obtain transporting and release permits, or absent the need for transporting and release permits, only in extreme circumstances where public health and safety are an immediate concern. TTT, TTP, depredation, or contraception of deer within the City shall conform to all current regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;

Section 5. Composition.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission shall be composed of seven voting members. The City Council shall appoint seven residents. The City Council may remove and replace members of the Commission at any time for lack of attendance or unethical behavior. A member of the City Council will be a non-voting, ex officio member of the Commission.

Section 6. Organization.

The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair annually. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations, subject to City Council approval, as it may deem proper for the governance of its proceedings. Such rules and regulations shall be consistent with the ordinances of the City, guidelines of the Local Government Code and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Mayor shall assign appropriate staff to provide the Commission with information and support assistance, and any resources as directed by the City Council necessary for the performance of its functions. The City Secretary shall keep a record of all transactions of the Commission.

Section 7. Compensation.

All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses that are incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of such Commission, when authorized in advance by the City Council.

Section 8. Meetings.

The Commission will meet monthly if necessary to perform the duties herein prescribed and will have the authority to schedule special meetings if required to fulfill the Commission's obligations or to meet deadlines set by the City Council.

Section 9. Cumulative and Savings.

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, except where the provisions of the ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed. Any and all previous versions of this Ordinance to the extent that they are in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 10. Severability.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the

incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

Section 11. Effective Date.

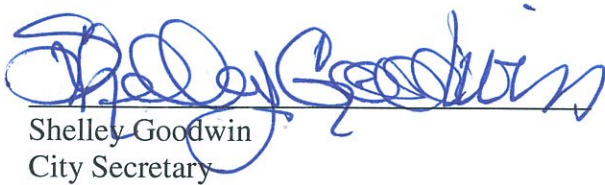
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 7th day of March, 2018.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin
City Secretary

Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (07/05/2021) Commission and Staff items are due
- 11** days before Meeting (07/08/2021) City Administrator and Chair review agenda.
City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
- 7** days before Meeting (07/12/2021) Post Agenda and Commission will receive packet
- 4** days before Meeting (07/15/2021) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- 3** days before Meeting (07/16/2021) (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

August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (08/02/2021) Commission and Staff items are due
- 11** days before Meeting (08/05/2021) City Administrator and Chair review agenda.
City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
- 7** days before Meeting (08/09/2021) Post Agenda and Commission will receive packet
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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	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	P	P									
Lemmers		P	A									
Dr Miner-Williams	P	P	A									
Kneupper	P	P	P									
Drichta	P	P	P									
Bippert	P	P	P									
Sullivan	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	01/06/21 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
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Lemmers													
Dr. Miner-Williams						P							1
Kneupper	P	P	P	P	P								4
Drichta													
Bippert													
Sullivan													
	Met requirements			Not met requirements									