



**MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Rick Hannasch
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Troy Bippert (excused)
Vacant Commission position

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Krawczynski at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge Allegiance

Chairman Krawczynski led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Citizen's Participation

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, recommended the Commission do an autopsy on a deer they suspect that has Bottle jaw, because she feels it could actually be lumpy jaw or other diseases. She also stated some diseases can be curable and provided handout (see attached handout). She recommended the Commission take guidance from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

4. Business Items-

The Committee may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

a) Minutes-

- i. January 18, 2017 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.**

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan, and a second by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2017. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Set date, time, and location for next Regular Meeting (Monday, March 19, 2018)

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan, and a second by Commissioner Hannasch, to hold the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Recommendations

i. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission vacancy (term expiring September 2018)

a. Interview possible candidate/candidates.

Dean Lemmers stated he has been a resident of the City of Garden Ridge for over 20years. He stated he is retired and enjoys all the wildlife in Garden Ridge. He stated he also has a place in New Mexico and is a conservationist. He stated he has read all the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Agenda, Minutes and Ordinance in order to make sound judgements on issues that will come up.

The Commission reviewed his resume and asked him questions regarding his availability, wildlife challenges, what he can offer to the Commission and whether he attended or watched the Wildlife Education Session.

Dawn Hatch stated she has been a resident of the City of Garden Ridge for over 20 years. She stated she is currently employed as a Legal Assistant and is a Certified Texas Naturalist. She stated she believes it is important to learn to co-exist with the wildlife.

The Commission reviewed her resume and asked her questions regarding his availability, wildlife challenges, what he can offer to the Commission and whether he attended or watched the Wildlife Education Session.

b. Consideration on a recommendation to the City Council for an appointment of Commissioner.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Hannasch, and seconded by Vice Chairman Segovia, to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Dawn Hatch to fill the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission vacancy with the term expiring September 2018. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Wildlife Management Survey

a. The process, expenses, and volunteer hours update.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the expenses and the volunteer hours. She also reviewed the process used with creating surveys, mailing the surveys, returned

surveys, organizing the surveys and the process used to tabulate the surveys. She stated everything was done on camera and the box containing the surveys was locked with 2 keys with the Police Chief keeping one and the City Secretary the other one. She stated the box also had a recorded hasp on it and hasp was only broken it to organize and tabulate; and was replaced with another recorded hasp after organizing and tabulating was conducted.

Vice Chairman Segovia stated she was came to City Hall several times to watch the tabulations of the surveys. She stated the process was conducted with the upmost integrity and she thanked the volunteers; especially Marilyn Winters and Peggy Campbell.

b. Receive tabulation totals of the survey.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated 1,159 total surveys were submitted and 1,140 were tabulated. She then reviewed the Wildlife Survey Totals spreadsheet. She stated the Comments were not listed since there were over 80% with comments. She stated some of the comments are one sentence were others were two and three pages. She recommended the Commission hold a Special Meeting to review the comments.

c. Review and discussion of survey results.

The Commission reviewed the survey results for each question asked.

d. Make a recommendation on Wildlife Management to the City Council.

The Commission agree by consensus to review the comments before they make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Wildlife Management.

e. Set a possible Special Meeting or Workshop to review comments provided by residents, a possible further review of tabulation results of the Wildlife Management Survey with possible development of a recommendation to City Council.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the tabulations were conducted by subdivisions and the returned surveys are still in those bundles.

The Commission discussed a several ways to review the comments residents provided on the survey. They discussed a subcommittee reading, the volunteers who conducted the tabulations read the comments, or hold a Special Meeting.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan, and seconded by Commission Hannasch, to hold a Special Meeting on February 27, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chamber to review survey comments and possibly make a recommendation to the City Council for Wildlife Management. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously

c) Discussions/Reports

i. Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.

- a. **Police**
- b. **Animal Control**

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the Police Department Report and the Animal Control Report. The Commission pointed out the Animal Control Report counts were higher and felt the increase should be looked into.

- ii. **Presentation of Wildlife Management Advisory Commission binder of ordinances that apply under the Commissions purview, Commissioners contact information, Commissioners places and terms, and additional information to assist in making Commission recommendations and Commission duties.**

- a. Mayor Thompson review of Ordinance 210-022018.

Chairman Krawczynski presented the Commission with their Commission binders. He stated Mayor Thompson was unable to attend the Commission Meeting, but he will review the Commission Ordinance 210-022018 at the March Regular Meeting.

- iii. **Availability and Distribution of Live Traps (Sullivan).**

Commissioner Sullivan reported the City of Garden Ridge has 8 live traps and in 5 different sizes. He stated residents can contact City Hall and pay \$40 to check it out and after the trap is returned the \$40 deposit will be submitted for reimbursement. He also stated if something is caught in the trap, Animal Control will come out to remove what was caught.

- iv. **Update on Bottle Neck disease recently detected in local deer herd (Segovia).**

Vice-Chairman Segovia presented the pictures of the deer within Garden Ridge who Texas Parks and Wildlife believe have Bottle Neck disease. She reviewed the process of the disease and process for detecting the disease. She also stated she has spoken to Texas Parks and Wildlife several times regarding the disease and the local herd of deer. She stated this disease takes 2 years to develop.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan, and seconded by Commission Hannasch, to recommend to City Council to conduct an autopsy on a deer that has been killed or injured in order to find out exactly what disease the local deer have. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously

- v. **City Council February 7, 2018, Regular Meeting Update/Report.**

Councilmember Erickson, reported City Council discussed the Wildlife Survey tabulation process and the Bottle Neck disease.

Vice Chairman Segovia stated Councilmember McCaw also provided the City Council with research he had done on the City of Holloywood Park Wildlife Management program.

- vi. **Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.**

Commissioner Kneupper stated he would write the Grapevine article for the March education/training sessions.

- vii. **Discussion on Future Agenda Items.**

The Commission added the following:

- Cost and a provider to do an autopsy on a deer (Krawczynski).
- Update on survey and next steps (Sullivan)

5. Citizen Participation

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, stated if the Commission and City Council chose to trap deer, she that the nets and trapping process doesn't take place in public places.

Lee Tucker, 9614 Teakwood, spoke on different techniques that can be used to review the comments on the surveys.

Dr. Jim Miller, -----, encouraged the Commission to put the survey results online. He asked if the intent to asking what subdivision you live in was to get the opinion of where the large deer population is and how the residents in those areas feel.


5. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commission Knuepper and a second by Commissioner Hannasch, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary