



**MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Commissioners present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Paul Sullivan (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 Special Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chairman Krawczynski at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 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. Wildlife Management Survey

a) Review and discussion of survey comments and Wildlife Management Survey tabulations.

The tabulation box was unlocked and the hasp was cut. The Commission then reviewed the comments from the residents on the Wildlife Survey.

The top comments were:

- Comments for management
- Comments against management
- Deer here first
- Management ok, but not with nets

- Enforce feeding ordinance
- Don't kill healthy deer
- Support Archery hunts
- Moved to Garden Ridge for the deer
- Reduce speed on FM 3009 and FM 2252

The Commission discussed the process for Trap, Transport and Transplant and the realistic possibility of finding a ranch to transplant to. They also discussed the darting process and hog issues in Trophy Oaks. They also discussed the process of Trap, Transport and Process.

b) Possible recommendation to City Council regarding Wildlife Management Survey tabulations and future Wildlife Management Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bippert, and second by Commissioner Hannasch, to recommend to the City Council that the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission research ways to reduce the overpopulation of deer. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Segovia, and second by Commissioner Hannasch, to recommend to the City Council that the no feeding Ordinance 186 be enforced. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bippert, and second by Commissioner Kneupper, to recommend to the City Council that the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission continue to research ways to handle other wildlife issues including wild hogs. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Possible direction to Staff for the next step regarding Wildlife Management Survey.


The Commission agreed by consensus that they need to provide their recommendations to the City Council and then decide on next steps.

4. Citizen Participation

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, encouraged the Commission to work with a university to help collect data, focus on the subdivisions with the higher deer counts and the survey results for those areas, and ensure that the no feeding ordinance include all types of feeding (corn and scraps). He also encouraged the Commission to review their budget to include more management and live traps.


5. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commission Knuepper and second by Commissioner Hannasch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary