



**MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Commissioners present:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

None.

**Also Present:**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator  
Eric Lowman, Animal Services  
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

**Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:**

Mayor Thompson  
Mayor Pro Tem McCaw  
Commissioner Dr. Miller (Planning and Zoning Commission)

**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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 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**

No one wished to speak.

**4. Business Items-**

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

- a) **Discussion on 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 (Ordinance 210-022018 with Mayor Thompson).**

Mayor Thompson reviewed the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission binder and stated that the binder was theirs and if they wanted additional items to let staff know. He reviewed the Board and Commission Ordinance 210 which was approved by City Council in February. He stated this Ordinance will now provide all Commissions' agenda formats and uniformity in conducting meetings. He stated Councilmember Bower gathered information from other cities and then they met with the Chair and another member of each Commission to work on the finalization of the Ordinance.

Chair Krawczynski asked that each Commissioner read and learn Ordinance 210.

**b) Education/training session – Wildlife (other than deer) that live in Garden Ridge (Kneupper). -limited to 20 minutes.**

Commissioner Kneupper introduced Eric Lowman, Animal Services and also stated Mr. Lowman is the Rabies Authority of the City of Garden Ridge. Mr. Lowman reviewed the different wildlife within Garden Ridge and the process used when wildlife is trapped in live traps. He also explained the live traps the City offers to residents, deposit, and the different sizes. He stated the best way to not have wildlife destroy your property is to void feeding them.

The Commission discussed the live trap process and the deposit fee. They reviewed different birds and the protected species of birds.

**c) Approvals**

**i. Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the Minutes for February 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**ii. Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Special Meeting.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the Minutes for February 27, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Special Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**d) Recommendations**

**i. Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendations and procedures for Bottle Neck disease recently detected in local deer herd.**

- 1. For autopsy on a deceased deer from accident or injury or harvested deer.**

2. **Cost and provider for autopsy (Krawczynski).**
3. **Make a recommendation on Bottle Neck disease to the City Council.**

Chair Krawczynski stated at the last City Council meeting he presented the Commission's recommendation for Bottle Neck disease. He reported the City Council requested additional information and cost regarding the autopsy of a deer with symptoms.

The Commission agreed to research the cost and process for an autopsy and how to handle Bottle Neck disease. They also asked that this item remain on the agenda.

e) **Discussions/Reports**

- i. **Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.**
  - a. **Police**
  - b. **Animal Control**

The Commission reviewed the reports and pointed out the report was only for a 3 week period.

- ii. **Future on Deer Management (Krawczynski)**
  - a. **Update on survey and next steps (Sullivan).**

Commissioner Sullivan reviewed the higher totals of the survey and stated the State of Texas currently allows for two plans TTP (Trap, Transport and Process) and TTT (Trap, Transport and Translocate). He stated TTT is a very expensive permit process and it is very difficult to find a State approved place to relocate the deer. He stated the TTP permit process is free and takes a month to get approved. He stated the TTP permits would be for the timeframe of October 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>, and feels the Commission should begin the permitting process in September.

The Commission discussed the State required disease testing process and required number of deer that would have to be tested. They also discussed the hours that were previously spent trying to locate a ranch that would take the deer needing to be relocated.

The Commission agreed by consensus to write an article for the Grapevine asking for help with locating a ranch willing to take the deer and to go through the State required permitting process for TTT.

Commissioner Sullivan agreed to research different trapping companies, cost and the process they use.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the reduction of the deer herd in Garden Ridge to one deer to every five acres.

Three Commissioners voted before discussion was finalized.

The Commission discussed the need to begin the Management Plan so a sustainable healthy deer population could be maintained. They also discussed the number of years it would take to arrive at a reasonable reduction of deer.

**Amendment to Main Motion:** An amended to the main motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch to add the goal of the reduction of deer to three years. The Commission voted five (5) for and one (1) against (Hatch). The motion passed.

Councilmember Erickson stated the Commission needs to provide a recommendation to the City Council for the complete Management Plan which should include budget amounts for TTT, TTP and for education. He stated this needs to be done by June 2018. He also recommended the Commission be careful with making motions without discussing the motion first.

**iii. City Council March 7, 2018, Regular Meeting Update/Report.**

Councilmember Erickson stated at the March 7, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting, Chair Krawczynski and Vice Chair Segovia did a great job of presenting the tabulations of the Wildlife Survey.

Chair Krawczynski stated the survey was tabulated and presented in the most transparent way. He stated he also updated the City Council on the comments from the survey that were reviewed at the Special Commission Meeting held on March 27, 2018. He presented the recommendations that were made by the Commission regarding the survey and the appointment of Dawn Hatch to the Commission.

Vice Chair Segovia stated they also reviewed the survey tabulation results for the different neighborhoods in the City.

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

Chair Krawczynski stated the May 21<sup>st</sup> education/training session will be on how Hollywood Park began their Wildlife Management Program.

Commissioner Sullivan stated he will contact Texas Parks and Wildlife about providing an education session on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**v. Discussion on Future Agenda Items.**

The Commissioners requested the following items to be added:

- Tree Diversity and how it affects Wildlife (Hatch)
- Tree give away (Hatch)

**a. Announce date, time, and location for next Regular Meeting (Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall).**

Chair Krawczynski stated the next Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

**5. Citizen's Participation: - limited to 20 minutes.**

**See "Rules for Citizen's Participation" under Item 4.**

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, stated he feels the Commission should do an education session on snakes and what medical facilities carry the anti-venom.

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke on the motion to reduce the deer population in Garden Ridge. She also stated Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendation for reduction of deer depended on the tolerance of the citizens. She also stated the Commission is spinning the facts to fit their actions.

Christi Haberer, 21120 Forest Waters, spoke regarding the results of the Wildlife Survey and the management of deer split neighbors against each other. She also stated she contacted shelters and was informed that the processed deer meat is not going to shelters, but it is going to Mexico.

Marianne Sterling, 9006 Cinnabar Circle Court, spoke regarding the results of the Wildlife Survey and how several questions on the survey were evenly divided. She stated the Commission needs to do what the residents want.

Amy Harrell, 9315 Sumac Lane, stated she was glad the City finally got deer crossing signs so the residents will know where the deer cross. She also recommended getting children involved in the education sessions. She also recommended the Commission to not warn against Bottle Neck, until there is a positive case.

Fred Hutchinson, 9232 Cinchona Trail, spoke regarding the number of deer he has seen in his yard and how the fawns will increase that number. He stated the deer meat that is processed from TTP goes to a Christian food assistance program.

## **6. Adjournment**

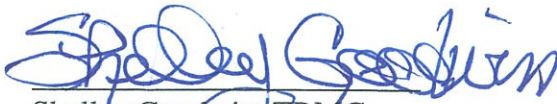
**Motion:** Upon a motion made by Chairman Krawczynski and a second by Commissioner Sullivan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



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Shelley Goodwin, TRMC  
City Secretary