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**AGENDA**  
**FOR A REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)**  
**OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS**  
**GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL, DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016 6:30 PM**

1. Call meeting to order / Welcome
2. Citizens Comments/Items of Interest:
3. Review and approve meeting minutes from March meetings. (April 28, 2016 meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum).
4. Review of Prequalification Meeting held March 24, 2016.
5. Review, discuss, consider and possibly take action related to proposed sites for harvest areas, and other logistics related to the Deer Management pilot program.
6. Discuss scheduling of upcoming Town Hall Meeting regarding the Deer Management.
7. Review, consider, and possibly take action to compose information presentation / agenda for upcoming Town Hall Meeting regarding the Deer Management.
8. Identify Future Agenda items
9. Adjournment.



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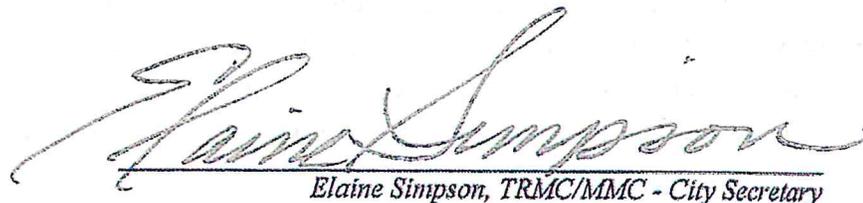
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**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016 6:30 PM**

1. Call meeting to order / Welcome
2. Citizens Comments/Items of Interest:
3. Review and approve meeting minutes from March meetings.
4. Review of Prequalification Meeting held March 24, 2016.
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
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**GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL, DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 6:30 PM**

**Present:**

Jason Brady – Chair  
 Doug Ripple – Vice Chair  
 Robbie Boswell  
 Mary Waters  
 Todd Holland - Council Advisor  
 Steve Hougen

**Absent:**

Dennis Jowers  
 Willie Pack

**City Staff:**

Elaine Simpson, City Secretary (recording secretary)

1. Call meeting to order by Chair Jason Brady at 6:38 PM.
2. Citizens Comments/Items of Interest: There were no citizen comments.
3. Review and finalize plans for the March 24, 2016 Pre-qualification Meeting / Information Meeting for citizens interested in volunteering for the Pilot Program archery- based deer management plan approved by City Council on February 23, 2016 - Ordinance #685.
  - a. Agenda - finalize –

The Committee members reviewed the preliminary draft of the agenda prepared by City Secretary. They determined that they would like the Pilot Program overview to include role of Texas Parks and Wildlife in the process. Also, in discussion of the overview, committee will also discuss the role of the local law enforcement and game wardens.

The 'Roles and Responsibilities' section of the agenda will be to clarify the Hunters / Harvester and then the Hunt/Harvest Directors.

The agenda would also have 'Professional Conduct' section to discuss the need to be discreet and considerate of the sensitivities of the general public, especially. There should be stress on the fact that there is to be no drinking before, during or after a hunt.

Regarding the application process:

Stress that this is volunteer service (unpaid, just like all other Boards and Committees).

There is a time commitment. This is a pilot program, and if participants do not adhere to the program rules the pilot program can be halted.

b. Reference / Resource materials and any visual aids: The committee did not have any PowerPoint or other visual aids for the 3/24/2016 meeting.

c. Database for applicants: Participants on the 'Team' will be registered with the local police department. A list of participants will be available to game warden.

d. Promotion of 3/24/16 Prequalifying Meeting – website, media, social media: City Secretary will promote the March 24, 2016 meeting on city website. The agenda will be posted according to the Open Meetings Act requirements.

e. Roles and Responsibilities for Program Director(s) and volunteer harvesters: The drafts presented tonight will be 'tweaked' and final versions sent to City Secretary to have for reference on March 24, 2016.

f. Any miscellaneous logistics for the meeting

#### 4. Identify Future Agenda items

Just the agenda for 3-24-2016 with modifications as approved tonight.

#### 5. Adjournment.

There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

I, Jason Brady, Chairman of the Wildlife Advisory Committee for the City of Granite Shoals, Texas, certify that the attached are true and correct minutes taken from recordings and notes of the Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2016

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 6:30 PM**  
**MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC – PREQUALIFICATION MEETING FOR PILOT**  
**PROGRAM FOR DEER MANAGEMENT /INFORMATION MEETING**

1. Call meeting to order by Jason Brady at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Jason Brady – Chair  
Doug Ripple – Vice Chair  
Robbie Boswell  
Steve Hougen  
Mary Waters  
Todd Holland - Council Advisor  
Willie Pack

Absent:

Dennis Jowers

City Staff:

Elaine Simpson, City Secretary (recording secretary)

Other participants: Chris Johnson, Jason Faherty, Randy Hodges, Hank Barry, Ben Lozano, Kory Compton, Cody Baether, Walter Clayton, Garry Joy and Cory Comstock.

2. Citizens Comments/Items of Interest:

There were no citizen comments.

3. Discuss Wildlife Advisory Committee activities June 2014 to present – *Chair Brady*  
*Chair Jason Brady – Granite Shoals, Texas - Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC)*  
*Presentation to City Council – 12/15/2015*

*The WAC was formed as an advisory committee to the council. That being said, we the WAC have taken up the task to advise the Council of the options that are present to control the urban white-tailed deer population of the City.*

*The deer survey indicates that there needs to be approximately 585 deer removed.*

*The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists have informed the Committee that the first priority should be to begin to track the deer-related accidents and deer/human conflicts/incidents to help track our progress. We would request that the police dispatch create a method to track accidents and incidents reported to the city involving deer, and that the animal control/public works departments track the number of carcasses removed from the roadways. These are standard statistics which are regularly tracked by other cities as they formulate and conduct deer management programs.*

*The reasonable methods of control that are available are:*

- 1. Do nothing: Pros: cost nothing and not labor intensive. Cons: gains nothing, opportunity cost –deer population continues to grow.*
- 2. Trap transport process (roughly \$150/animal) per last conversation with Mr. Bond (estimated total cost \$87,750). Pros: contractor conducts program as a 'turnkey' project & is an efficient (proven) program that has been instituted in other nearby cities. Con: Too expensive – 29x the budget allotted to the WAC.*
- 3. Archery program (Would consist of education, volunteers (many of them very skilled), many moving parts, planning and organization)*
  - A. pilot program on private and public lands (not parks) with a very select # of participants to test the program in year 1.*
  - B. program restriction of Antlerless deer permit issued by TPWD (Absolutely no Antlered deer to be harvested)*

*Pros: Program can/could be implemented with little funding, can utilize many volunteers with skill in bow-hunting who live in this area and harvested animal can be given directly to citizens to be processed as desired.*

*Cons: Ordinance would have to be amended to allow the bow-hunting in the city limits, the education program required would need to be comprehensive (to combat false rumors that it is 'open season' for bow-hunting in the city and false rumors that there will be hunters in the city parks). Would require time, labor and volunteers to coordinate, organize and conduct. Deer could run after being hit, leaving the official 'hunt' areas to die. This program would be designed and conducted by Granite Shoals WAC, so we would have no other cities to provide guidance. It is unknown how much guidance TPWD could provide. Unknown liability for the City depending on how tags were assigned from TPWD.*
- 4. City-owned trap transport process program. Volunteers provide labor for trapping/netting program. Pros: No injured deer leaving the 'trap area'. Cons: Costs: Traps cost between \$4000.00 and \$6500 each, trapping usually done at night (difficult to get volunteers at night?), no deer can be released – if a fawn or antlered deer is caught, they must be harvested. There may be large number of animals trapped at one time, and all must be kept in edible condition (overnight?) under State Law – cannot 'waste' animal meat, this leads to meat processing fee involved. Trapping 500+ deer would be very labor intensive. Like #3, this program would be designed and conducted by Granite Shoals WAC and City personnel and associated volunteers: no guidance available from any other cities, and unknown amount of guidance from TPWD.*
- 5. Youth hunt program. This is a new idea/concept. The incorporation of youth volunteers might be something to use in conjunction with the archery program, if it is pursued in the future. Pros: Get youth involved. Cons: many variables and unknowns since this program would be built/dependent upon the success of another program.*

*We were stifled by the above options because we have little direction to focus on. I believe we need one of the above to focus our efforts on instead of trying to attain every variable for every option, with our limited resources.*

*Every option presents its own set of challenges to hurdle, but the WAC needs a direction to focus on, that being said we would like the council to seriously consider, and or approve the WAC to move forward with option 3.*

4. Discuss Ord. 685 - Pilot Program Archery- Based Deer Management Plan approved by City Council on February 23, 2016

a. Pilot Program overview/Introductions – This is only a pilot program and can be shut down by the City Manager at any time if in his opinion the program is not functioning as Council intended.

b. State Law and City Ordinances

The only change to the current city law regarding Firearms is that members of the ‘team’ for this pilot program, as allowed to discharge a bow during official hunt times, at official hunt sites. Any hunting done outside the parameters of the program, even if conducted by a member of the team, is illegal. Illegal hunting is grounds for dismissal from the team. (and is illegal poaching).

c.. Roles and Responsibilities of: (see handouts)

1.) Volunteer Hunters / Harvesters:

**Wildlife Advisory Committee Harvester Roles and Responsibilities**

Strictly follow the rules and guidelines of Ordinance No. 685.

Strictly follow all State Laws and City of Granite Shoals Ordinances

(laws).

Maintain your equipment in a fully functional manner.

Report any hunting site issues or repair needs.

Keep your information up to date (vehicle, phone number, email).

Immediately Contact the On Duty Director of any issues or conflicts.

Immediately Contact the On Duty Director for any Assistance.

Weigh all your deer at the weigh Station and Fill-In the Report.

No guest on hunts.

Let Directors know if you are not going to be available for a hunt in advance.

Be discrete about hunting Program and Activities.

No bow/crossbow during recovery.

No alcoholic beverage during any activities involving this Program.

Keep your cell/smart phone on you at all times.

Make good decisions and have fun!!!

2.) Hunt / Harvest Directors:

**Wildlife Advisory Committee Directors Roles and Responsibilities**

#### Conflict resolution

Help with animal recovery as needed

Director will be Contact person for hunters and director is responsible for coordinating location harvest times.

Ensure that documents are properly completed. Weight, distance animal ran before expiring, harvest station, any issues harvester may have had (conflict, repairs needed, lost animal, lost arrow)

Ensure that animal recipients have been contacted to receive deer. If applicable.

Director may discreetly visit harvest sites to ensure all rules are being followed.

Director has authorization to dismiss a harvester.

Director will have list of all harvesters and alternates.

Report to WAC chair, or council liaison of weekly activity

#### d. Discussion of Professional Conduct

1.) Social Media – the hunts should not be promoted on Social Media.

2.) Public Relations - team members should be discreet regarding the pilot program. Since the nature of the program is experimental, only official spokespersons should discuss the program to the public. The sensitivities of the general public should be considered and respected.

2.) No alcohol before or during harvest events.

e. Discussion of Application process (application packets at City Hall and online at city website <http://www.graniteshoals.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=76>):

#### 1.) Unpaid Volunteer Service

All harvesters that are interested will be drawn as a lottery for qualification opportunity.

1st pick local harvesters living in the city

2nd pick local property owners living out of town.

3rd local harvesters living outside city limits.

#### 2.) Requirements

Must agree to register with local Police Department.

Must meet all requirements of proficiency testing, on a monthly basis.

Must use required type bow, arrow floss, and broad head as described in Ord. 685. Must provide own safety harnesses, arrows, etc.

Must sign all required waivers.

Take responsibility for venison, must keep in edible condition as per State Law. There was a discussion of option of donating venison to designated Food Banks and Churches in the area. This will be an option. Must coordinate in advance to donate, in order that recipient can be lined up to accept meat.

3.) Time commitment – No weekends or holidays: approx.. 5 mo. Commitment.

4.) Nature of the Pilot Program / Test Program: The program will be coordinated by the WAC with guidance and cooperation with local law enforcement,

game wardens, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, etc. The Hunt Directors and WAC members will review statistics of the hunt and formulate reports for City Council. Every Harvester will keep his 'name placard' on the front dashboard of vehicle during the hunt.

5.) Discussion of database for applicants / email: Must have cell phone that remains in hunters possession at all times during hunt.

5. Identify Future Agenda items: No Deer Feeding Ordinance to be proposed to City Council in May. Town Hall Meeting to educate the public on the No Feeding Ordinance and the Deer Management pilot program – possibly in May 2016?

Preliminary site locations to propose to the City Manager. (as many as 10?)  
Town Hall meeting agenda.

Consult with City Attorney re: Open Records requests.

Consult with City Attorney re: fines for violation of No Deer Feeding Ordinance, can this money be earmarked for wildlife management program?

The next Regular meeting of the Wildlife Committee will be April 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM

6. Adjournment.

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There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

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I, Jason Brady, Chairman of the Wildlife Advisory Committee for the City of Granite Shoals, Texas, certify that the attached are true and correct minutes taken from recordings and notes of the Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting of March 24, 2016

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 SWAG 4:30 PM	3	4	5 Parks Comm. 6	6	7 ELECTION DAY!!! 7 AM to 7 PM
8	9	10 City Council 6:00 PM	11	12	13	14
15 Mothers Day	16	17 Planning/Zoning Commission 6 PM Special Council 6 PM	18	19	20	21 Burnet Co. Household Hazardous waste Pick UP in Marble Falls
22	23	24 City Council Mtg. 6 PM NO DEER FEEDING ORD may be passed here	25	26 Wildlife Advisory 6:30	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

# June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Parks Comm. 6 PM	3	4
5	6 SWAG 4:30 PM	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 City Council 6 PM	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 P&Z Mtg. 6 PM	22	23 Wildlife Advisory 6:30	24	25
26	27	28 City Council Mtg. 6PM	29	30		

DRAFT - 4-28-2016 Working Draft

## TOWN HALL Deer Management Pilot Program

Proposed agenda:

1. Call To Order
2. Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping
3. Background / Historical information on Wildlife Advisory Committee:
  - Citizen survey Jan 2015
  - Deer Town Hall May 2015
  - Deer Census August 2015
  
  - Ord. 685 – Deer Management Pilot Program Approved February 2016

Next Steps:

- No Deer Feeding Ordinance will go to City Council in May 2016
  - Pilot Program participants begin prequalification Summer 2016
  - Next Deer Census will be done August 2016
  - Oct. 2016 – Feb. 2017 Deer Management Pilot Program
4. Dispel the Myths of the Archery Based Deer Management Pilot Program
  5. Question and Answers
  6. Adjournment

# May 2016 Town Hall Meeting

Wildlife Advisory Committee  
Deer Management Pilot Program

# Outline of Deer Meeting

- General Todd Holland
- Conduct, Decorum and Procedures Mayor Brugger
- Purpose Jason Brady
- Introductions, Background & History Jason Brady
- Summary Ordinance 685 Jason Brady
- Dispel the Myths of Pilot Program Jason Brady
- Comments, questions, input from citizens All
- If time permits Discussion of comments & answers to questions  
Otherwise comments and answers will be on the City Website and posted hard copy
- Next Steps Mayor Brugger

# **INTRODUCTIONS**

- **WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)**

- **Jason Brady – Chair**

- **Doug Ripple – Vice Chair**

- **Mary Waters**

- **Robbie Boswell**

- **Steve Hougen**

- **Willie Pack**

- **Dennis Jowers**

# **INTRODUCTIONS**

- **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**
  - **Carl Brugger- Mayor**
  - **Shirley King –Mayor Pro-Tem  
Councilmember Place 2**
  - **Anita Hisey –Councilmember Place 1**
  - **Eric Tanner –Councilmember Place 3**
  - **Tom Dillard — Councilmember Place 4**
  - **Todd Holland –Councilmember Place 5**
  - **Mark Morren –Councilmember Place 6**

# We Are All - US

- All members of City Council and the Wildlife Advisory Committee are:
  - Volunteers – we get no pay or money
  - Concerned Residents of Granite Shoals
  - Granite Shoals Property Owners
  - Taxpayers
  - Voters
- Please do not think in terms of “Them” and “Us” – We are all “Us”

# The Purpose Of This Town Hall Meeting

- To provide information / educate the citizens of Granite Shoals related to the Pilot Project for Deer Management.
- To communicate information, thoughts, ideas and opinions –on topic
- To hear and listen to citizens and property owners –on topic
- To answer questions if we can, or identify questions that need answers –if we can't answer here we will place answers on city website

# Ord. 685

Exhibit "A"

**CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS  
2016-2017 PILOT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT HARVESTING PROGRAM  
WILDLIFE HARVESTING TEAM REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING**

**TEAM MEMBERS:**

- 10 MEMBERS ON THE TEAM WITH 2-3 ALTERNATES**
- PREFERRED LOCAL RESIDENCE**
- REQUIREMENTS FOR TEAM MEMBERSHIP:**
  - MINIMUM 21 YEARS OF AGE**
  - POSSESS A BOW OR CROSSBOW WITH MINIMUM 60 POUNDS OF DRAW WEIGHT**
  - POSSESS A TEXAS HUNTING LICENSE**
  - POSSESS A TEXAS BOWHUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE**
  - POSSESS A CELL/SMART PHONE WITH CAMERA AND TEXTING OR EMAIL ABILITY**
  - POSSESS A VALID TEXAS DRIVERS LICENCE AND THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION**
  - ATTEND AN OVERVIEW OF THE OVERALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GOALS, REQUIREMENTS, AND THE LAW**

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## PROFICIENCY DECISION TEST REQUIREMENTS:

15 QUESTION EXAMINATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED WITH A 100% PASSING SCORE REQUIRED (MAXIMUM 2 ATTEMPTS)

10 PHOTOS / PICTURES WITH SHOOT OR NO SHOOT SITUATIONS

WHEN TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

WHEN TO SAY "NO" TO A SITUATION

PROFICIENCY SHOOTING TEST REQUIREMENTS

SHOOT BOW OR CROSSBOW WITH A MINIMUM 1-1/2" FIXED OR MECHANICAL BROADHEAD

SHOOT WITH GAME TRACKER MODEL 2500 PROFESSIONAL UNIT STRING ATTACHED TO ARROW

SHOOT WITH LIGHTED ARROW OR BOLT NOCK

SHOOT FROM NO LESS THAN 8 FT. ELEVATED HUNTING TYPE PLATFORM

## PROFICIENCY SHOOTING REQUIREMENTS:

SHOOT THREE ARROWS FULLY OUTFITTED WITH BROADHEAD AND GAME TRACKER STRING INTO A 3-INCH DIAMETER BULLSEYE. MAXIMUM OF TWO ATTEMPTS ALLOWED TO ATTAIN 100% ACCURACY WITH ALL THREE ARROWS OR BOLTS.

SHOOT AT A DISTANCE OF 20 YARDS.

## REGULAR MONTHLY PROFICIENCY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

MONTHLY, EACH TEAM MEMBER WILL HAVE TO PASS THE PROFICIENCY SHOOTING REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN HIS OR HER ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

IF A MEMBER DOES NOT PASS, HE CAN ATTEMPT TO BE AN ALTERNATE IN THE NEXT MONTH'S MONTHLY PROFICIENCY SHOOTING TEST.

ATTEND A MONTHLY OVERVIEW OF THE OVERALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS.

**The City of Granite Shoals urban deer management program guidelines**

The city's pilot program shall work within the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD's) Managed Land Deer Permit (MLD) program.

The Wildlife Committee shall identify all proposed harvest locations within the City. The Committee shall submit a Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) for each selected harvest location to TPWD biologist. Any WMP submitted after August 15 would be reviewed as time allows with no guarantee that tags would be issued prior to season. Any occupied dwelling within 75 yards of proposed harvest location to be contacted regarding retrieval of animals.

The following documentation must be completed for each harvest location prior to any hunting on that location:

1. Hunting Liability Release Form (completed by hunter)
2. Release, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Form (completed by hunter)
3. GSPD Registration Form for Deer Management Program (completed by hunter)
4. City Of Granite Shoals Urban Deer Management Program Registration Form (completed by hunter)
5. Pilot Program Guidelines Acknowledgment (completed by hunter)
5. Land Use Permission Form (completed by property owner, unless harvest location is city-owned property)
6. Animal Retrieval Permission Form (completed by owner and primary occupant of any occupied dwelling within 75 yards of harvest location, unless occupied dwelling is city-owned property)
7. Any other documentation required by the City

The Wildlife Committee shall construct and secure all harvest locations.

All MLD level 1 permits shall be issued from TPWD to the individual property owners. It shall be the shared duty of the property owners and the Wildlife Committee to ensure that the guest harvester has registered with the City of Granite Shoals.

# Dispel the Myths

## Myth #1

**Myth says: City wants to 'eliminate all the deer'.**

- The myth says that the City obviously wants to remove all the deer.

**Truth is: City officials aim for deer herd to be healthy.**

- The deer census conducted in August of 2015 showed that we have an overpopulation issue biologically, that is, there are more deer in the city limits than the habitat can support.
- The citizen survey done in January 2015 indicated that there are many conflicts between humans and deer, this is social overpopulation.

# Dispel the Myths

## Myth #2

**Myth says: Wildlife Advisory Committee just wants to shoot deer.**

- This myth is predicated on a belief that the Wildlife Advisory Committee has not reviewed other deer management methods.

**Truth is: The Advisory Committee reviewed numerous deer management techniques**

- At the City Council Meeting on December 15, 2015, Chair Jason Brady presented results of the committees research and consultations with Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologists. More than a year's worth of research had led to the recommendation of an archery based program. The Committee also presented the **pros and cons of all methods they had researched.**

# Dispel the Myths

## Myth #3

**Myth says: It will now be Open Season for hunting in the City**

- The proponents of this myth believe that children, cars, pets and structures will be subject to getting shot with arrows in their own neighborhoods.

**Truth is: State and Local laws remain in effect regarding use of firearms in the City.**

- The City Firearm Ordinance was amended to allow only those participants in the Deer Management Pilot Program to discharge an arrow in the city limits, during official 'hunt' times and at specific 'hunt' locations selected because they are safely away from structures and roadways. State poaching laws remain unchanged.

# Dispel the Myths

## Myth #4

**Myth says:** Deer will bolt away from the hunt site and die on my front lawn in front of my children.

- The myth is fostering fear in the minds of citizens that this program will end up traumatizing their children.

**Truth is:** If your home is near any site, you will be approached before the program begins to seek permission to retrieve any animal on your property.

- The truth is you will be aware of any hunt site within 75 yards of your property. You will be asked if you will give advance permission for recovery of an animal on your property.
- The goal of the program, in the manner of set up of the hunt areas, and training of the hunters, is that no animal should run out of the hunt area.

# Dispel the Myths

## Myth #5

Myth says this program is a 'Good Ol' Boy' program to allow certain people to hunt venison in the City.

- The myth is based on criticism of the committee for choosing to recommend a 'pilot program' of our own local design, to manage the deer with archery based methods.

Truth is: The Wildlife Advisory Committee conducts all business in Open Session.

- Truth says that any citizen can review the work of the committee over the last two years, review information that has been considered and reports that have been provided to Council and public. All members applied for appointment to WAC in same manner as other city boards. The WAC held an open meeting for interested participants in the Pilot Program on March 24, 2016.

# Dispel the Myths

## Myth #6

**Myth says this plan is 'half-baked' and will be a liability to the City.**

- This belief comes from lack of confidence in the Committee, City Council and/or city staff.

**Truth is, the WAC has designed this plan with oversight by Texas Parks and Wildlife and review by City Legal staff.**

- The work of the WAC has been guided all along by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department expert biologists.
- The city legal staff has reviewed the project and included what we believe to be needed waivers.
- Council approved the pilot program after significant safety measures were incorporated into the design.