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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)**  
**OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS**  
**GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016 6:30 PM**

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

Present:

Jason Brady – Chair  
 Doug Ripple – Vice Chair  
 Tina Collier  
 Robbie Boswell  
 Todd Holland, Council Member Advisor  
 Willie Pack (arrived late)

Absent:

Mary Waters  
 Steve Hougen  
 Dennis Jowers

City Staff:

Elaine Simpson, City Secretary (recording secretary)

*The meeting minutes reflects items in the order they appeared on the meeting agenda, the actual order of the meeting may have been changed.*

2. Citizens Comments/Items of Interest:

There were no citizen comments.

3. Review, consider and possibly take action to approve meeting minutes from June 23, 2016; Regular Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Ripple motioned to approve the June 23, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented, and Mr. Boswell seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of 3-0-1. Mrs. Collier abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

4. Review results of property owner interactions around harvest sites.

Chair Brady reported that he had visited with some residents within the 100 yards of the hunt sites. Many people are out of town. Only one property owner has declined to authorize the pilot program team members to come upon property if needed, to recover an animal. Many of the visits have been encouraging.

5. Schedule work days for harvest sites.

Mr. Pack arrived at 6:34 PM.

Council Member Holland explained he has been marking some of the hunt sites already. He recommended that the committee begin contacting volunteers and harvesters to remind them to take the required Hunter Education. Committee determined to schedule work days at a future time.

Also, the Annual Deer Census should be conducted late August or early September.

6. Review location and details of bow hunter Ed course.

The Committee discussed how there were originally about 10 citizens interested in being volunteer hunters/archers, there are only 3 applications which have been received.

The volunteers need to take the on-line course which consists of 8 modules and costs \$30 to take the test and get certificate. Then the volunteers must pass the Field Portion. We would like to have a trainer come here and do this portion, but unless we have a good size class we will not be able to get anyone to come.

7. Make contact with archers.

Committee requested that the City Secretary make contact with interested people who attended the March 24<sup>th</sup> Special Called meeting if she had their contact information.

8. Review of banners, signs and other issues/material related to Ord. 680, *The No Deer Feeding Ordinance*, passed by City Council on July 12, 2016.

The committee began to review the banner as designed by Chair Brady.

Mr. Michael Steenbergen, 2208 Belaire, Granite Shoals, TX 78654: Explained that he and his group have prepared a petition to call a Referendum Election on Ord. 680 the Deer Feeding Ban. He said they have 50 signatures. He may submit this on Monday. Or, he may continue to collect more signatures.

Council Member Holland explained that this petition, if submitted, and if it ‘suspends’ the No Deer Feeding Ordinance, will ‘cut the legs out from under’ the pilot program. He explained that this committee has been working for more than a year to get the Feeding Ban passed, and it was only delayed because Council wished for there to be a comprehensive deer management plan in place before they wished to pass a Deer Feeding Ban, in order to compliment that program. In March the Pilot Program passed. Why did the petition circulators not protest then? Why have they waited until the Committee has gotten the pilot program in the development stages, the Feeding Ban passed, and are now getting ready to train, to test and to appoint volunteers to the program? Why wait until the 11<sup>th</sup> hour?

The members of the committee advised Mr. Steenbergen that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists, who have been our consultants all along on this project, recommended that we pass a No Deer Feeding Ordinance. It is a key component of a deer management program.

Mr. Steenbergen indicated that his group conducted a Facebook poll and were against the Feeding Ban. Also, none of them remembered getting any Citizen Survey on the Deer (Jan 2015) or newsletters from the City.

Council Member Holland requested that if the petition group wishes to submit their petition, that they do it on Monday, in order that the Committee may explore whatever options they might still have for the pilot program.

9. Discuss the possibility of having “volunteer transporters” to help the harvesters get animal to recipients, and increase harvest numbers.

This item will be discussed at a later time.

10. Identify Future Agenda items

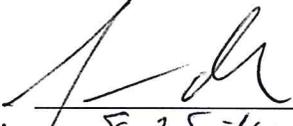
City staff asked to contact committee members by 5 PM on Monday to inform them related to the petition, the petition will affect the plans going forward.

Tuesday in the morning, Chair Brady will meet with Dr. Erin Wehland.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 7:51 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 July 28, 2016

  
Date: 8-25-16

