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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FOR SPECIAL CALLED 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**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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  
 Mary Waters  
 Steve Hougen

Absent:

Dennis Jowers  
 Willie Pack

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. Hear report regarding City Council Regular Meeting held August 9, 2016, related to the workshop agenda item 10b. Ord. 680 No Deer Feeding Referendum petition and possible election.
  - a. Results of the Mayor's Meeting on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> regarding Ordinance #680. There was no report.
  - b. Review of the write up in the Daily Trib, online news from August 3<sup>rd</sup>, story about the petition. Printed copies of the story, by Jennifer Fierro, were disseminated with the agenda.

- c. Review the petition information, as available. The petition has not yet been verified formally by the City Secretary, so it was not available for review.

City Secretary Simpson announced that a petition had been received August 9<sup>th</sup>. It appears to have the required number of signatures on it. She will be verifying the petition and submitting it to City Council at a future meeting.

There was a brief discussion of election costs.

- 4. Discuss, consider and possibly take action in response of City Council plans related to Ord. 680 No Deer Feeding Referendum related to Ord. 685 the Pilot Program for Deer Management.

Chair Brady reported that he had consulted with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Ord. 680 No Deer Feeding Ordinance is not required per se, in order to proceed with the Pilot Program of Deer Management. We will push forward.

Bow Hunter Education classes – the certificate for the online portion must be completed before the student can attend the field portion and sit for the program testing.

The Committee has determined that volunteers who live outside the city limits will still be considered for the program. City residents will be given preferential treatment, then property owners who do not reside in the City, then volunteers who live in the surrounding area.

The Committee discussed the kind of tracking information they would have on the animals for the MLD #1 tags. Weight, the date, how far the animal traveled, and any recovery issues might be recorded.

There was a brief discussion of the use of the ‘tracking floss’.

- 5. Schedule work days for harvest sites, make assignments to members of subcommittees for preparation of sites and communications with the public.

Chair Brady explained that he had visited with more property owners near proposed hunt sites.

There was a brief discussion of adopting a schedule of having subcommittees meet once per week to prep the sites and to get the hunter proficiency test composed and refined. Mrs. Collier volunteered to do the clerical tasks to prepare the 10 to 15 written questions and then the 10 pictures of deer to have the applicants tested on ‘Shoot or Don’t Shoot’. Texas Parks and Wildlife website may have questions from their online hunter safety education programs which can be adapted for the city’s written portion of the test.

Mrs. Waters subcommittee was assigned communication/outreach to Joseph's Food Pantry, in order to establish if they will be prepared to receive donated meat.

Council Member Holland explained he can have all the sites surveyed and flagged ready for the subcommittee/action teams to come and 'set up'.

Dr. Hougen noted that he had been approached by a citizen with concerns regarding a site near her home. Chair Brady and Council Member Holland have reviewed this site several times, it is very large and presents no concerns about safety.

There were brief discussions of the visits with the property owners within 100 yards of the property, the permission slips that Chair Brady has been having these folks sign, and a discussion of how the committee is asking the property owners preferences, would they like to be called, or texted before a team member goes on their property to recover an animal? We wish to be mindful of their preferences.

There was a discussion of the program being a pilot program.

There was a discussion of the need to get forms, laminated cards, and schedules for the programming and other clerical/administrative items prepared.

The Committee decided to meet in a special called workshop on August 18, 2016 to review/create/design and organize administrative forms.

6. Discuss, consider and possibly take action for continued education of the residents related to the pilot program for Deer Management, starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Ord. 685)

Any interested applicants who wish to take archery proficiency testing, need to have their state bow-hunter safety education certificate completed soon; preferably by the weekend of September 10-11.

Council Member Holland will check with Mayor Pro Tem Tom Dillard regarding Mr. Dillard's participation in conducting the testing. The tentative date for the proficiency testing will be September 17-18<sup>th</sup>.

The committee noted that their next meeting is the Special called Workshop on the 18<sup>th</sup>, then the Regular meeting will fall on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The committee agreed by consensus that they would like this item for continued education (fielding questions) to be a standing item on each agenda for the next few months.

