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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, 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 will be a Referendum Election on November 8, 2016, per petition. It will be a Referendum on Ord. 680 No Deer Feeding ordinance.

3. Hear report regarding City Council Special Meeting held August 15, 2016, related to *Ord. 680 No Deer Feeding* referendum petition and possible election. *(Council Member Holland /Chair Brady)*

The City Council passed Ord. 696 at their Special Called meeting on August 15th. Ord. 696 Calls the Special Referendum Election on Ord. 680 No Deer Feeding Ordinance. Until the Election is held, Ord. 680 is suspended.

4. Discuss, consider and possibly take action related to Pilot Plan for Deer Management Project (Ord. 685):

a.) Reports from Chair Brady: Reported that he has made contact with more of the property owners near the potential hunt sites.

b.) Reports from Council Liaison. Council Member Holland explained that if there is no more rain tomorrow, he plans to have 3 more of the potential sites 'marked'.

c.) Reports from sub-committees/action teams. Mrs. Collier submitted her first draft of the 'Written Exam' for the volunteer hunters to take, as well as the first draft of the pictures of deer for the 'Shoot or Don't Shoot' portion of the proficiency testing.

The Committee reviewed the drafts of the two tests, in detail. Suggested modifications to these tests will be made by the clerical subcommittee and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Mrs. Waters made a report from her subcommittee for communications: She contacted Josephs Food Pantry and discussed the program with the directors. The directors of the Pantry wish to research more into this program. The Pantry is a non-profit and they wish to assure that they will have the money required for the deer processing. The committee discussed that the lowest price they had heard quoted for a non-profit by a deer processor, was around \$40.00 per animal.

There was a brief discussion that Pastor Ray Keasler may also know of an organization able to take venison donations and distribute to veterans.

There was a brief discussion of disposal of non-edible deer parts. Council Member Holland volunteered to verify that the dumpster behind the Police Department was appropriate to use for this type of disposal.

d.) Reports from staff. City Secretary reported that there are four applications for volunteer archers received as of this date.

5. Schedule additional work-day meetings, make additional assignments to members of subcommittees for preparation of sites, coordination of volunteers, general logistics and communication/education with the public.

The Committee decided to set the dates for the 2016 Deer Census, which is always done by conducting three separate 'Counts' on three different dates. The raw data is sent to the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, and the biologists calculate the Deer Census with their formula.

The Committee members decided to hold the three deer count 'nights':

Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM – moving the time for the Regular Meeting that night to 8:00 PM.

Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

These work nights will not require agendas be posted, although the City Secretary may post, as a courtesy, a Notice of Possible Quorum. There may, or may not, be four voting members present for each of these counting nights.

6. Field citizen questions, discuss, explain, and address concerns (for continued education of the residents) related to the Pilot Plan for Deer Management, starting Oct. 3rd. (Ord. 685)

There were no questions.

7. Identify Future Agenda items

Results of the first 2 deer counts.

Finalize the proficiency tests as reviewed tonight.

Keep #6 as a standing agenda item.

Set dates for testing/certification. Get information regarding scheduling availability for Mayor Pro Tem Tom Dillard to set these testing dates. Hopefully this could be done on a Saturday morning.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:31 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 August 18, 2016

Date: _____



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