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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, 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016 8:00 PM

Before this Regular Meeting, some committee members participated in night #2 of #3 of the Deer Census – Deer Counting Nights. This was conducted from 6:00 PM to approximately 7:30 PM.

1. Call meeting to order by Jason Brady at 8:00 PM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Tina Collier

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. Discuss, consider and possibly take action to approve the following sets of meeting minutes from previous WAC meetings: July 28, 2016 Regular Meeting, August 10, 2016 Special Called Meeting and August 18, 2016 Special Called Meeting.

Dr. Hougen motioned, and Mary Waters seconded, to approve, as presented, the following sets of meeting minutes from previous WAC meetings: July 28, 2016 Regular Meeting, August 10, 2016 Special Called Meeting and August 18, 2016 Special Called Meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

4. Staff Update: November 8, 2016, Referendum Election on Ordinance #680.

City Secretary Simpson disseminated copies of the 'All About the No Feeding the Deer Ordinance #680' pamphlet, as well as information on Early Voting and Election Days sites, dates and times.

No formal action was taken on this item.

5. Discuss, consider and possibly take action related to Pilot Plan for Deer Management Project (Ord. 685) including hearing reports from the Chair, from the Council Liaison, the subcommittees/action teams, and possibly city staff.

Chair Brady informed the Committee that he had made more contacts with neighbors within the 100 yard notification area of the harvest sites. The City Manager will still need to visit two of the sites and give his approval.

Council Liaison Todd Holland noted that Tom Dillard would be available on Saturday, September 17, 2016 morning. If the Committee sets the Qualification Trials that day, there will be two weeks before the start of the hunting season (Oct. 3rd.) Council Liaison Holland explained that there was just a little bit of money left in the FY 2015-2016 budget for this Pilot Program project. It must be spent before Sept. 30th. Willie Pack motioned, and Dr. Hougen seconded, to purchase stand feeders with the approximately \$141.00 that is left in the Pilot Program project in the current budget. Motion carried unanimously by a 6-0 vote.

There was a discussion regarding the Pilot program having ten harvest locations now set. There are approximately 6 newly purchased ladder stands, and Council Member Holland and some others are loaning the pilot project some stands that belong to them.

There was a discussion of the ease of setting up a site when there are two people to work on it. So far, three sites are completely finished. Chair Brady encouraged members to contact him or Councilman Holland, and they would set up the remaining sites.

There was a brief discussion of the logistics of when to have hunts. Already, the program is designed that there be no hunts on weekends or holidays. There was a discussion of Friday mornings? Is this too close to weekends?

There was a brief review of the Responsibilities of Harvesters and of Harvest Directors.

It appears that Joseph's Food Pantry and Pastor Ray Keasler's list of folks will be the main recipients of donated meat, at least from the information we have at this time. We do not have a firm commitment from Joseph's Food Pantry yet.

6. Discuss, consider and possibly take action regarding the current project for conducting the '2016 Deer Census':

a.) Report on August 21, 2016 count.

409 Total. 59 bucks, 249 does, 101 fawns and 5 unidentified.

b.) Report on count taken earlier today.

422 Total: 89 bucks, 228 does, 105 fawns and 0 unidentified.

c.) Discuss the final day of the deer count, to be held August 28, 2016.

The next deer count work session will be Sunday evening at 6 PM. The following members noted that they were available to attend: Pack, Ripple, Holland and Brady.

7. Schedule additional work-days, make additional assignments to members of subcommittees for preparation of sites, coordination of volunteers, finalizing the proficiency tests, setting dates for testing, general logistics and communication/education with the public.

Chair Holland noted that City Manager Nickel is assisting the Committee with disposal of field dressing remains.

Mrs. Collier sent the updated 'Shoot or Don't Shoot' tests and the updated 'Written Exam, versions A and B' for the committee to review.

The Committee reviewed the tests and made only a few minor corrections/modifications.

8. 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 citizen questions.

9. Identify Future Agenda items

- Promote the Qualification Trials being held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at City Hall campus.
- Possibility of having a welded 'A' frame for the outbuilding at City Hall campus for use by harvestors at the weigh station. Inquire about availability of power and water?

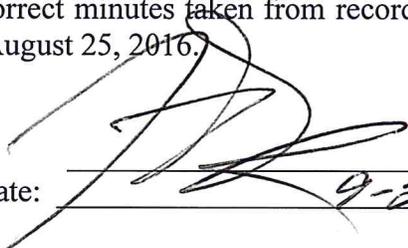
- Encouraging the subcommittees / action teams to volunteer to help set up sites.

10. Adjourn.

There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:54 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 25, 2016.

Date: _____



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