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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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 6:30 PM

Present:

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

Absent:

Mary Waters

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.

1. Call meeting to order by Jason Brady at 6:48 PM
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 meeting; August 25, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Dr. Hougen motioned, and Willie Pack seconded, to approve, as presented, the meeting minutes from the August 25, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

4. Staff Update: November 8, 2016, Referendum Election on Ordinance #680. City Secretary Simpson noted that the dates for the Early Voting start October 24th and then Election Day is November 8th.

5. Review project forms and databases designed by Willie Pack/Chair Brady

It was noted that Chair Brady had added a column to the Harvest Log Chart. The newly added column is called 'Any Issues'. The hunter will note in this column if there was any problem/unusual occurrence during the hunt.

Committee briefly discussed getting some infographic posters and a jaw cut-a-way mold for harvesters to use in determining the age of the does that they get. Tina Collier will look for these tools on the internet.

The committee discussed that since this is a pilot program, the harvest log will collect more information than is absolutely necessary for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This extra information can be recorded to be included in the Chairman's periodic reports to City Council.

6. Review, discuss and consider results of the Saturday, September 17, 2016 Qualifying Trials for Archers, discuss Harvester team membership.

At this time, there are 7 qualified archers and 10 locations.

Review Testing. There was a review of the Ordinance requirements for passing the 'Shoot / Don't Shoot' test. The ordinance explains a passing rate is 10 correct pictures. The current test has 18 pictures. The lowest score was only one wrong; so 17 correct pictures.

Willie Pack motioned, and Robbie Boswell seconded, to make passing the test earning 17 out of the 18 pictures on the 'Shoot / Don't Shoot' test, to make 100% accurate score on the shooting test, and 100% accuracy on the multiple choice 'worded' test, the requirements to qualify for the program. Motion carried by 5-0-1 vote. Doug Ripple abstained from the vote.

An additional 3 archers were declared qualified after this motion passed.

7. Review, discuss and consider the hunting permits/tags.

Chair Brady explained that he requested 20 tags per site to start, and he will be able to get more upon request.

The committee devised a procedure to collect the tags before each hunt and return unused tags to the same location. There will be a lock box at this location and each qualified team member will

have the combination. They will retrieve the tag(s) left for them by the Hunt Director on duty, by getting them out of an accordion file in the lock box.

8. 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.

a. Schedule hunt days

Hunt days will be Tuesday and Thursday, only. No holidays.

Hunt in the morning will not start until after 7:30 AM, which is when the school buses have all left the city limits.

In the evenings, the hunt time will be 5:00 PM until the legal shooting light is over. (this will change at the time change, so until shooting light is over is official time).

b. Layout and scheduling of directors

Council Member Holland, Mark Morren, Robbie Boswell and Doug Ripple discussed their individual schedules. They will work out the schedule between them.

c. Flowchart for after the harvest

The committee had already discussed the 'Harvest Log' document.

The committee briefly discussed that the Hunters and Hunt Directors will be on a group text list. By using the group texts for all communications, all hunters and Directors should always be 'in the know'.

d. Designate all locations

The committee discussed some sites could still use a bit of preparation work. This can be done on Saturday. The first hunt will be October 4th.

9. Update on the previously conducted '2016 Deer Census'.

Chair Brady reported that Dr. Erin Wehland had plugged the raw numbers from the 3 census count drives into her formula. This year she calculated that the City has 690 deer per one thousand acres (1,000 acres). From memory, the committee members recalled that last year it was approximately 448 deer per one thousand acres.

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

Next work day Saturday morning: 7:30 – 8:00 AM at Jason’s house.

The discussion of education with the public was that there will not be hunt reports on Social media by hunters or city personnel. Chair Brady will be source of information when he presents his periodic reports to City Council (approximately monthly?).

For preparation of sites and general logistics, it was announced that the ‘A frame’ and the scale are here and will be ready for installation at the weigh station.

There is a local feed store that may be willing to sell the city deer corn by the ‘ton rate’.

11. Field citizen questions, discuss, explain, and address concerns (for continued education of the residents) related to the Pilot Plan for Deer Management, starting Oct. 4th. (Ord. 685)

There were no citizens present.

12. Identify Future Agenda items/ Adjourn

Review progress of the Pilot program so far.

There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

The next Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting will be held October 27, 2016.

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 September 22, 2016.

Date: 11.8.16

