

AD HOC DEER HERD COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Deer Herd Committee was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 and called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

PRESENT: John Brakora, Josh Penland, Bob Hornkohl, Barry Peterson

ABSENT: Roger Zielinski, Tom Bruce

OTHERS: Councilman Jim Smith

PURPOSE: To develop a long-term strategy for deer herd management; provide recommendations to City Council.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Bob Hornkohl, second by John Brakora, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote - Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Draft Report to City Council – A final draft was sent to the Committee via email 11/23/15, with hard copies distributed at the meeting. Discussion continued on the draft report regarding traffic counts, deer herd population, and property damage. Josh Penland would like to see the committee continue, providing additional surveys for the next few years, an updated traffic accident report each year, and an aerial survey. The remaining members expressed no desire to continue the committee but to place this in City Council's hands; we have to start somewhere to solve the problem. This committee has no authority to budget or approve expenditures. If signed today the report would be presented to Council for their December 8, 2015 work session.

Jim Smith – Would be a long-term commitment by Council. This is a nuisance issue not a public safety or health issue. Money is tight and Council needs to serve the general population of the City. It is a management process and will take years to have any effect. Felt Council would be open to discussion next Tuesday by all committee members and encouraged the committee to attend the work session at 7 p.m.

MOTION by Bob Hornkohl, second by John Brakora, to approve and sign the final report of the Ad Hoc Deer Herd Committee; and further authorize its submission to City Council at the December 8, 2015 work session. Voice vote – Motion carried.

ADJOURN

This is the final meeting of the committee unless further directed by the City Council. *MOTION* to adjourn by Bob Hornkohl, second by Barry Peterson to adjourn at 3:49 p.m.

Cynthia Lokovich, CAP-OM
Executive Secretary