

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

Given ongoing public health concerns, and in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the Board of Aldermen meetings were held via Zoom videoconference and streamed live to YouTube. Public comments on hearings and agenda items were solicited via email and the public were invited to sign-up to speak. Real time public viewing of each meeting was made available via the City's website at www.town-and-country.org.

WORK SESSION

The work session meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 6:30 PM on Monday, September 13, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

Present were: Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier

Mayor Rehm presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was also present via videoconference to represent the City.

1. Presentation/Discussion-Deer Management Program

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Erin Shank with the Missouri Department of Conservation provided an overview of the City's deer management history, as well as recommendations regarding the current deer population. Ms. Shank explained a chart and corresponding graphs that depicted various program metrics for each year from 2009-2021 including total harvest, cost to the City, deer-vehicle collisions, etc. In response to Mayor Rehm, Ms. Shank explained carrying capacity and noted that issues in suburban areas (i.e. collisions, property damage, fear of tick borne disease) occurs at 40 deer per square mile in her experience. She added that ecological impacts to landscape and wildlife are seen at approximately 20 deer per square mile. After detailing several necessary assumptions, Ms. Shank noted that the population in December 2021 is estimated to be 306 deer. She stated that the anticipated number suggests the City should cull at least 50 deer to maintain a population of about 25 deer per square mile. She also provided options for harvesting deer via sharpshooting and/or archery. Ms. Shank outlined the experiences of agencies utilizing the various methods and brief discussion was held.

The PowerPoint presentation is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

2. Discussion – Regular Meeting Agenda Items

No votes were taken and the Work Session adjourned at 6:57 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 7:02 PM on Monday, September 13, 2021, via Zoom videoconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rehm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The 7:00 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier to be present.

Mayor Rehm presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was present via Zoom to represent the City.

MINUTES – 08/23/21 Regular Meeting

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Hughes.

Mayor Rehm called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 08/23/21 were unanimously approved.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Alderman Allen

Alderman Allen stated that the Ways & Means Commission met on September 7 and held good discussion about the Management Partners Audit recommendations.

She also provided a report regarding the Veterans & First Responders Task Force, noting that several key components have been decided after meaningful discussion. She explained that project scope, location, ideas about general concept/materials, private funding, and a potential inscription have been reviewed to date. She explained that Task Force members are currently reviewing a draft RFP and that more details will be provided soon.

Alderman Mortland

Alderman Mortland announced that the National Night Out event will be held on October 5 from 6-8 PM and encouraged anyone wishing to participate to contact Chief Cavins.

Mayor Rehm acknowledged Alderman Even for her participation in the annual March to the Arch event in remembrance of 9/11.

Alderman Holman

Alderman Holman stated that the Public Works Commission will hold its next meeting at 7:00 PM on September 20, in-person at the Municipal Center. She noted that the agenda will include discussion and ultimately recommendations regarding the 2022 Road Fund budget, as well as the Management Partners Audit findings.

Alderman Wiesehan

Alderman Wiesehan reported that the Parks & Trails Commission would next meet at 6:30 PM on September 20, at the Drace Park pavilion. He added that the agenda will include discussion about the playground project, upcoming events, and a sign proposal for the Wirth Grove in Town Square.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 21-33, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, A PRIVATE STABLE, LOCATED AT 13731 BELCREST COURT IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (sponsored by Aldermen Even & Wiesehan) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-33 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Hughes moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Even.

Alderman Even stated that she and Alderman Wiesehan met with the property owner and neighbor to review the plans and walk the property. She noted that there are no issues with moving forward and approving the request.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-33 became Ordinance No. 4448.

BILL NO. 21-34, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TWO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY GATES, LOCATED AT 13512 CLAYTON ROAD IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (sponsored by Aldermen Mortland & Wittmaier) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-34 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wittmaier.

Alderman Mortland moved to amend the Bill by the addition of the following:

G. The location of the gates shall be at least 30 ft. from the edge of pavement.

He noted that staff reached out to the homeowners and they were amenable to the condition.

Alderman Hughes seconded the motion and a voice vote carried.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-34, as amended, became Ordinance No. 4449.

BILL NO. 21-35, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, A RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY GATE, LOCATED AT 1502 TOPPING ROAD IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (sponsored by Alderman Holman) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-35 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Even.

Alderman Holman moved to amend the Bill by the addition of the following:

I. The location of the gate shall be at least 30 ft. from the edge of pavement.

She noted that the resident has communicated with City staff that he is in agreement with the condition.

Alderman Hughes seconded the motion and a voice vote carried.

Alderman Holman clarified that while the submitted plans reflect an additional gate to be installed on Post Oak, the Bill before the Board is solely for a gate on Topping Road.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-35, as amended, became Ordinance No. 4450.

BILL NO. 21-36, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MEDICAL OFFICE WITH DIRECT OUTSIDE ACCESS, LOCATED AT 272 LAMP AND LANTERN VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (sponsored by Aldermen Wittmaier & Mortland) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-36 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Parrotte.

Alderman Wiesehan confirmed with Attorney Garrett that, according to Condition 2.E., the CUP will remain with the business owner, not the property, should any transfer of real estate occur in the future.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-36 became Ordinance No. 4451.

BILL NO. 21-37, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2021 ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID TAXES ON THE BOOKS OF THE COUNTY COLLECTOR BY THE COUNTY CLERK, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AS PROVIDED BY LAW (sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-37 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Parrotte.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-37 became Ordinance No. 4452.

BILL NO. 21-38, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF WMV ENTERPRISES FOR SNOW REMOVAL ON THE ROADWAYS AND STREETS OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY DURING THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SAME (sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-38 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Hughes.

Alderman Wittmaier inquired about the anticipated costs and service level compared to previous years. In response, Mr. Shelton explained that the unpredictability of snow means some events will cost more than others and while anticipated utilization is a little higher this year, there is no material difference in service level from previous years.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-38 became Ordinance No. 4453.

BILL NO. 21-39, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF T. HILL CONSTRUCTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL ON THE ROADWAYS AND STREETS OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY DURING THE 2021-2022 WINTER SEASON AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SAME (sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-39 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Hughes.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-39 became Ordinance No. 4454.

BILL NO. 21-40, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV, CHAPTER 415: FLOOD, STORMWATER AND EROSION CONTROL REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY, SPECIFICALLY BY THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 415.185 REGARDING STORMWATER PROGRAM RANKING ANALYSIS (sponsored by Alderman Holman) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-40 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

In response to inquiry by Alderman Hughes, Mr. Shelton explained that a “bioswale” is a swale that contains biologically planted material.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-40 became Ordinance No. 4455.

BILL NO. 21-41, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH J&M DISPLAYS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY’S FALL FESTIVAL EVENT AND APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR SAME (sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 08/23/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-41 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Hughes moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Holman.

Alderman Allen expressed appreciation to Mari de Villa for sponsoring this year’s fireworks.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte, Wiesehan and Wittmaier; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-41 became Ordinance No. 4456.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 21-43, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND ADDENDUM TO THE FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WEST COUNTY EMS AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THAT WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 3963 AND FIRST AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 4412 (sponsored by the Board as a Whole)

Mayor Rehm called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-43 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 21-43 continued to the meeting of Monday, September 27, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

BILL NO. 21-44, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE I, CHAPTER 125: BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL CODE, SPECIFICALLY BY ENACTING ARTICLE III TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (sponsored by Alderman Parrotte)

Mayor Rehm called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-44 was read for the first time by title only.

Alderman Parrotte noted his excitement about the opportunity to create relationships and interact with existing businesses, understand what type of businesses that citizens want in the community, and grow the economy of the City.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 21-44 continued to the meeting of Monday, September 27, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

WARRANT LIST-09/13/21

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Parrotte.

Mayor Rehm called for discussion or amendments.

In response to Alderman Hughes, Parks Director Anne Nixon explained that the Longview pond pump is replaced approximately every five years.

Alderman Hughes inquired about an update on the significantly higher MSD charges at Town Square. Mr. Shelton noted that a calibration will occur at the end of October to determine usage level and the appropriate reimbursement due to the City for overpayment.

In response to Alderman Holman's inquiry, Ms. Nixon stated that a new product to keep geese away at Town Square will be deployed in 2022 and will dramatically reduce costs.

Alderman Holman requested that running vendor totals be provided to the Board in order to show the percentage of total anticipated costs that have been utilized at certain points throughout the year.

In response to Alderman Parrotte, Mr. Shelton noted that the Charter Communication fiber expense is for internet access, and added that he would inquire as to whether or not the bandwidth could be reduced.

Hearing no amendments, a voice vote was taken on the warrant list of September 13, 2021, in the amount of \$219,887.42, and carried.

OTHER

Mayor Rehm read aloud a proclamation acknowledging the recent accomplishments of City Clerk Ashley McNamara.

Mayor Rehm expressed sincere appreciation for the work done by the Fire & EMS Task Force under the leadership of Aldermen Allen and Mortland. He noted that the City is currently working on a new contract with West County EMS & Fire Protection District.

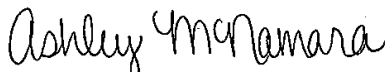
He also acknowledged the previous request of Alderman Holman and reiterated the helpfulness of including the vote count of the appropriate recommending body on agenda items before the Board of Aldermen.

Finally, Mayor Rehm stated that he has received input from several residents about the Branch Chipping Program and will be sure to bring up the matter for consideration during the upcoming budget discussions.

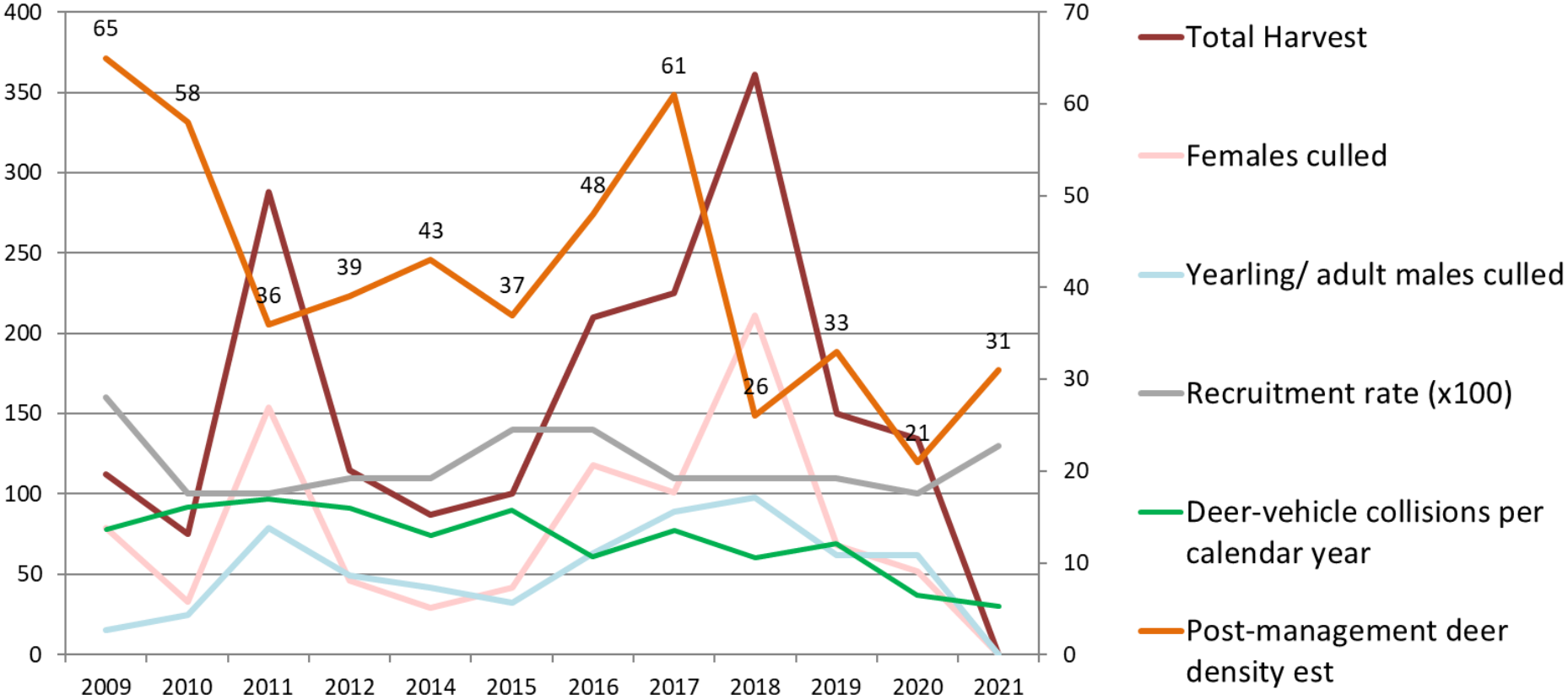
Alderman Hughes thanked the volunteers and staff for another successful concert series, further noting that only positive feedback has been received.

ADJOURN

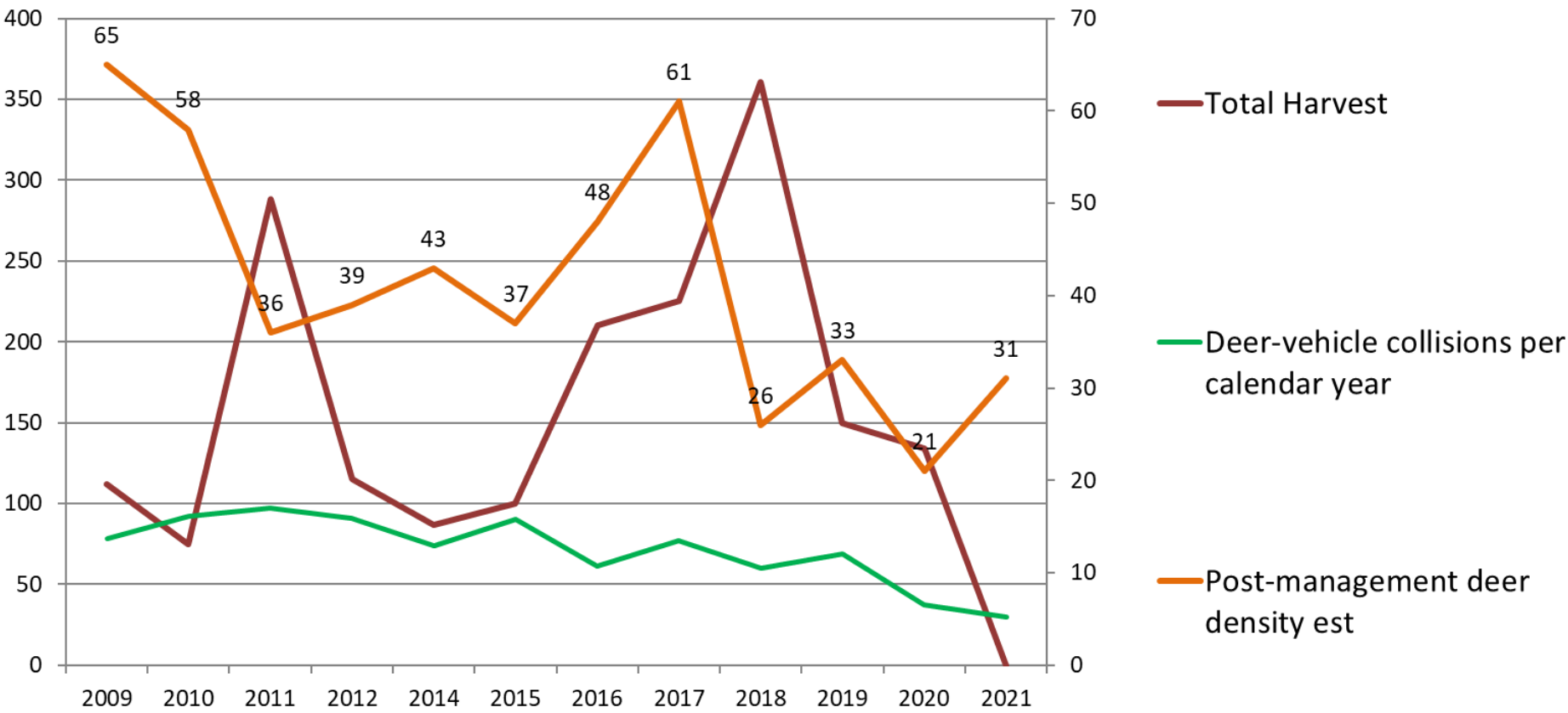
On motion of Alderman Hughes, seconded by Alderman Allen, and unanimously confirmed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk

Deer Management in Town and Country 2009- 2021



Deer Management in Town and Country 2009- 2021



Recommendations

Based on the following assumptions:

- Post-management population of 206 deer in February 2020 (mid-range from distance sampling count),
- Population demographic is 35% yearling/ adult female, 35% fawn, 30% yearling/ adult male,
- 4% of population is sterilized doe, giving 31% of the population as reproducing female,
- 1.3 recruitment of fawns for both 2020 and 2021,
- 10% mortality population-wide (fawn mortality from birth to 6 months included in recruitment rate),
- Queeny Park harvest at 30 deer in both 2020 and 2021 hunt, with 30% of those deer as counted in the 2020 survey...

THEN:

Population in December 2020 estimated to be 250 deer.

Population in December 2021 estimated to be 306 deer.

Recommendations

- To maintain the population closer to 25 deer/mi², **cull >50 deer**
- At a population of 250, the city would add an additional 100 fawns the following spring (i.e., June 2022), bringing the population closer to 350
- Options for harvest include:
 - **Sharpshooting with permit from Missouri Department of Conservation,**
 - **Archery hunting during statewide season (September 15-January 15) on private property, or**
 - **A combination of these options.**