

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: August 8, 2019
RE: Authorize City Deer Hunt



INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2019-20 City Deer Hunt. Prior to each deer hunting season and according to City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons, Section 6-3-20 Bow Hunting Deer, Item A "The hunt shall be authorized by action of the Muscatine City Council prior to October 1st of each year, during the time when such hunting is allowed by the law and regulations of the State of Iowa."

BACKGROUND:

Since the 2006-07 Deer Hunting Season, the City of Muscatine has participated in a city wide deer hunt program with the guidance of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Attached you will find the 2018-19 Deer Hunt Report. The report will show that we have experienced minimal issues while successfully managing our deer population.

If approved, this years hunt will again be for bow hunting on approved private property with two (2) acres or more. Property owners may combine parcels to reach the two (2) acre minimum.

The hunt will run from Saturday, September 14, 2019 through Friday, January 10, 2020.

The required proficiency test will be for the hunter to successfully shoot 3 of 5 arrows in a 5 inch circle from a 20 yard distance. Only two chances will be allowed in one day.

RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, the City Staff would recommend that the Muscatine City Council approve the 2019-20 City Deer Hunt as outlined in the City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons
2. 2018-19 City Deer Hunt Report

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

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SUBJECT: 2018-19 City Deer Hunt Report

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a summary report for the 2018-19 City of Muscatine Deer Hunt Program.

As you are aware, since the 2006-07 deer hunting season, the City of Muscatine has participated in a Deer Management Zone Program in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The total deer harvest results are listed below with specific results attached:

Year	2006 -07	2007 -08	2008 -09	2009 -10	2010 -11	2011 -12	2012 -13	2013 -14	2014 -15	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017 -18	2018 -19	13 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	40	54	61	61	600

The 2018-19 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 29, 2018, with 46 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were September 5, 8, and 15, 2018. Special times were scheduled as groups could be coordinated with available staff times. The test consisted of successfully shooting 3 of 5 arrows in a five inch circle from a 20 yard distance. Only two chances were allowed in one day. There were 46 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 15, 2018, to Wednesday, January 10, 2019.
- A total of 200 deer tags were available to hunters wishing to participate. An additional 100 tags were made available upon request this year. The tags were available for purchase at the County Recorder's Office.
- A total of 25 hunters took the 61 deer killed in this season's hunt (55 doe, 4 buck, 2 button buck).

In summary, the 2018-19 City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was successful in that it allowed for the controlled reduction of the deer population. According to the IDNR, we are accomplishing our goal and we are in a maintenance mode instead of an eradication mode.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Attach: 2018-19 Deer Hunt Results

2018/19 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

Name	Hunters Address	Dee	Buck	B Buck	Spike	Shed	Tag #	Date
Rodney Kleindolph	1023 Newell Ave., Muscatine	X					772948826	9/16/2018
		X					191985191	11/3/2018
		X					697925741	12/14/2018
Jesus Perales Trevino	609 Jackson St., Muscatine	X					002926293	9/23/2018
		X					237221660	9/16/2018
		X					002926093	11/11/2018
Martin Radtke	2716 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine	X					332821008	9/18/2018
		X					563377019	9/18/2018
		X					000319442	10/24/2018
			X				526835004	11/23/2018
Kevin Ellsworth	120 Addies Ct., Wilton	X					321574519	9/22/2018
		X					470114950	9/22/2018
		X					925690588	10/12/2018
Terry Kirchner	2764 Crestview, Muscatine	X					884000878	9/22/2018
		X					339866418	9/22/2018
		X					578663833	9/22/2018
		X					690945134	10/20/2018
Tim Hurl	2664 Northwood Dr., Muscatine	X					585676186	9/22/2018
		X					424375608	9/22/2018
		X					361514771	11/12/2018
Billy Wagler	1822 New Hampshire St., Muscatine	X					745031076	9/23/2018
		X					795039382	9/23/2018
			X				832016886	11/30/2018
Jayden Seefeldt	104 Pine St., Muscatine	X					41339136	9/23/2018
		X					043552938	11/26/2018
Paul Ales	618 Hagerman Dr., Muscatine	X					673546386	10/2/2018
		X					498310798	11/10/2018
		X					002901817	11/28/2018
Wayne Tompkins	6705 Wellington Dr., Muscatine	X					134808029	10/2/2018
		X					295462642	11/5/2018
		X					291163939	11/8/2018
Cory Berry	1202 Park Dr., Muscatine	X					752635849	10/13/2018
Todd Bernel	2551 Stewart Rd., Muscatine	X					986185999	10/15/2018
Richard Shaw	1700 Orange St., Muscatine	X					591138828	10/13/2018
		X					478139541	11/22/2018
Tyler Treimer	2440 New Liberty Rd., Stockton	X			X		471021097	10/19/2018
		X					169295474	11/3/2018
		X					647348873	11/9/2018
Michael Schubick	902 E 6th St., Muscatine	X					671673706	10/26/2018
			X				884548441	11/2/2018
		X					238498919	11/21/2018
		X					112618269	12/17/2018
Shannon Rennert	3858 Hwy 22, Montpelier	X					000376590	10/29/2018
		X					939759304	11/27/2018
			X				326575834	1/10/2019
John Jindrich	1314 Smalley, Muscatine	X					110404845	10/31/2018
Brian Scott	3102 Peartree Ln., Muscatine	X					645083064	11/9/2018
Cole Hampton	222 Old Muscatine Rd., Wilton	X					323528109	11/12/2018
Josh Umlandt	914 Wier St., Muscatine	X					372987263	1/1/2019
		X					848354239	12/8/2018
		X					338018302	12/22/2018
Mike Mathis	3315 Hwy 22	X					637422759	11/19/2018
Mark Lick	1100 Oakland Dr., Muscatine	X					371207887	11/22/2018
Mathew Bailey	8300 41st St. S, Muscatine			X			487066698	11/24/2018
Edwin Steinke	2132 231st St., Muscatine	X					213890015	1/1/2019
		X					829431311	11/26/2018
		X					144450012	11/26/2018
Austin Croson	301 W Summit St., Wilton	X					928204577	12/22/2018
		X					637191875	
		X					924864588	
		X					118978147	12/26/2018

Totals: Hunters = 46

Doe = 55

Buck = 4

Buck = 2

Deer Harvested = 61

Hunters Taken Deer = 25

Hunters That Took 3 or more Doe:12

- 1. Rodney Kleindolph**
- 2. Jesus Perales Trevino**
- 3. Martin Radlike**
- 4. Kevin Ellsworth**
- 5. Terry Kirchner**
- 6. Tim Hull**
- 7. Paul Ales**
- 8. Wayne Tompkins**
- 9. Michael Schubick**
- 10. Josh Umlandt**
- 11. Edwin Steinke**
- 12. Austin Croson**

6-3-20 Weapons.

A. Discharging Firearms. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw any missile upon any street, alley, public place or to discharge any firearm, B.B. gun, pellet gun, bow and arrow, sling shot, or any other device which discharges a projectile, within the corporate limits of the City of Muscatine, except on a recognized target range.

(Code of Iowa, Section 364.12[2])

Deer Hunting Exception. It shall not be deemed a violation of this Subsection to use a bow and arrow to hunt deer on parcels of two (2) acres or more, or to discharge a firearm, other than a centerfire rifle or other offensive weapon as defined by Iowa Code, to hunt deer on parcels of sixty (60) contiguous acres or more, subject to the following conditions:

1. The person is the owner of the property or has permission from the owner to allow for bow or firearm hunting.
2. The person bow hunting must successfully complete a proficiency test as approved by action of the Muscatine City Council.
3. The person has a license or permit required by the State of Iowa to hunt deer with a bow or firearm.
4. The person has a permit issued by the Muscatine City Clerk.
5. The bow hunt shall be authorized by action of the Muscatine City Council prior to October 1 of each year, during the time when such hunting is allowed by the law and regulations of the State of Iowa.
6. Hunting shall not occur within 50 yards of any residence, church, or occupied structure.
7. The bow hunt shall be limited to the sex of the deer allowed by the laws or regulations of the State of Iowa and as allowed by action of the Muscatine City Council.
8. The person hunting must demonstrate compliance with these requirements to any law enforcement officer upon request.
9. Persons wishing to participate in the bow hunting program are required to attend an informational meeting held by the City of Muscatine in advance of the designated season.
10. With the permission of City Council, designated public property may be used during the designated hunting season.
11. Property owners with adjoining lot lines will be permitted to combine properties to reach the minimum two (2) acres required for bow hunting and there will be no zoning restriction on this acreage. However, property owners are not allowed to join property in order to reach the sixty-acre (60) requirement needed to qualify for the firearm hunting exception allowed under this Section. The sixty (60) acres must be contiguous.

B. Carrying of Weapons. It shall be unlawful for any person to go armed with a dangerous weapon concealed on or about the person, or to, within the limits of the City, go armed with a pistol or revolver, or any loaded firearm of any kind, whether concealed or not, or to knowingly carry or transport in a vehicle a pistol or revolver, except as otherwise provided under Chapter 724.4 of the Code of Iowa.

Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department
563-263-0241
August 8, 2019

NEWS RELEASE

In advance of the upcoming bow hunting season for deer within the city limits, the City of Muscatine will once again be hosting a qualifying shoot for interested parties. In order for individuals to be eligible to participate in this year's hunting season within the city limits, they must pass a shooting proficiency test.

The test will be given at the lower level lot of the Weed Park Maintenance Facility, 1211 Weed Park Drive, on the following dates:

1. Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – 5pm to 7 pm
2. Saturday, September 7, 2019 – 8am to 11am
3. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – 5pm to 7pm

In addition to the proficiency testing, an informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 Sycamore Street, beginning at 6 p.m. Hunters interested in participating in this year's hunt are required to attend this meeting.

Questions concerning the City of Muscatine's 2019/2020 deer hunting season can be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department at 563-263-0241.

2019-20 Bow Deer Hunting Time Line

August 15, 2019 – City Council Approved 2019-20 Bow Hunt

August 16, 2019 – Letter to Past Hunters Sent Out

August 16, 2019 – Deer Hunt Press Release Sent Out

August 28, 2019 – Required Public Meeting with Hunters

September 4, 2019 – First Proficiency Test Date

September 7, 2019 – Second Proficiency Test Date

September 11, 2019 – Final Proficiency Test Date

September 14, 2019 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Starts

January 10, 2020 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Ends