

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: July 13, 2020
RE: Authorize City Deer Hunt



INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2020-21 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 2019-20 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 12, 2020 through Sunday, January 10, 2021.

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.

There was a request to change the requirement for a hunter to take the proficiency test each year. After consulting with the IDNR representative we were advised not to change this requirement siting safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, the City Staff would recommend that the Muscatine City Council approve the 2020-21 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. 2019-20 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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FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation 
SUBJECT: 2019-20 City Deer Hunt Report

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a summary report for the 2019-20 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	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	14 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	40	54	61	61	62	662

The 2019-20 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 28, 2019, with 42 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were September 4, 7, and 11, 2019. 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 42 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 14, 2019, to Wednesday, January 10, 2020.
- There was a request to not make it mandatory for a hunter to take the proficiency test each year. After consulting with the IDNR representative, I would not recommend changing this requirement for community safety reasons.
- 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 21 hunters took the 62 deer killed in this season's hunt (51 doe, 7 buck, 2 button buck, 2 spike).

In summary, the 2019-20 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: 2019-20 Deer Hunt Results

Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department
563-263-0241
July 20, 2020

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. Saturday, August 29, 2020 – 8am to 10am
2. Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – 5pm to 7pm
3. Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – 5pm to 7pm

In addition to the proficiency testing, an informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at the Weed Park Aquatic Center, Weed Park, 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 2020/2021 deer hunting season can be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department at 563-263-0241.

2020-21 Bow Deer Hunting Time Line

July 16, 2020 – City Council Approved 2020-21 Bow Hunt

July 20, 2020 – Letter to Past Hunters Sent Out

July 20, 2020 – Deer Hunt Press Release Sent Out

August 19, 2020 – Required Public Meeting with Hunters

August 29, 2020 – First Proficiency Test Date

September 2, 2020 – Second Proficiency Test Date

September 9, 2020 – Final Proficiency Test Date

September 12, 2020 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Starts

January 10, 2021 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Ends

2019/20 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

Name	Hunters Address	Dee	Buck	B Buck	Spike	Shed	Tag #	Date
Martin Radtke	2716 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine	X					998257539	11/6/2019
Tyler Treimer	2070 Trolley Ave., Muscatine	X					191022019	11/17/2019
		X					180227013	11/17/2019
		X					1800308578	11/17/2019
Larry Brossart	2764 Edview Rd., Muscatine	X					24368030	11/25/2019
		X					571560077	12/7/2019
		X					579469349	12/7/2019
Austin Croson	Mealy Estates, Muscatine	X					353097082	12/1/2019
		X					240230894	12/1/2019
			X				586842369	12/7/2019
Tyson Ochiltree	2923 110th St., Wilton	X					753086510	12/2/2019
		X					501483817	12/2/2019
Michael Daniel	111 8th St., Muscatine	X					736808742	10/19/2019
Terry Kirchner	2764 Crestview Rd., Muscatine	X					120957088	10/19/2019
				X			324056542	10/19/2019
		X					373774977	12/14/2019
Kevin Ellsworth	120 Adres Ct., Wilton	X					738659490	10/26/2019
			X				743065152	11/4/2019
		X					714610535	11/11/2019
		X				718999635	12/27/2019	
Dan Ales	618 Hagerman St., Muscatine	X					655831069	10/31/2019
Josh Umlandt	914 Wier St., Muscatine		X				593139607	11/3/2019
		X					486757763	11/24/2019
		X					478343942	12/15/2019
		X				482683354	1/5/2020	
Mike Schubick	902 E. 6th St., Muscatine	X					808805162	10/4/2019
			X				816274913	10/24/2019
		X					820680576	10/29/2019
		X					812945822	11/1/2019
		X					857069790	12/7/2019
		X				24113151	12/21/2019	
Wayne Tomkins	6705 Wellington Dr., Muscatine	X					64453370	10/4/2019
		X					585256618	10/26/2019
			X				559397278	10/31/2019
		X					903654445	11/2/2019
				X		550597604	11/6/2019	
					X	656375964	1/3/2020	
Todd Bermel	2551 Stewart Rd., Muscatine	X					401707383	10/13/2019
		X					496192217	11/17/2019
		X					279556880	11/24/2019
Richard Shaw	1700 Orange St., Muscatine	X					24340600	9/14/2019
		X					24342482	10/4/2019
		X					3687215532	12/5/2019
Billy Wasler	1822 New Hampshire St., Muscatine	X					162028609	9/14/2019
		X					24341529	9/28/2019
			X				158647989	11/5/2019
Paul Ales	618 Hagerman St., Muscatine	X					647135682	9/18/2019
		X					643260024	9/20/2019
Matt Foor	3711 Allen St., Muscatine	X					492998516	9/23/2019
		X					472509428	11/5/2019
		X					472260989	1/5/2020
Rodney Kleindolph	1023 Newell Ave., Muscatine	X					706219401	9/25/2019
		X					916529359	10/12/2019
					X		954158759	11/1/2019
Tim Hull	2664 N. Wood Circle, Muscatine	X					420173814	9/28/2019
			X				475194508	9/28/2019
		X					479335568	10/20/2019
		X					470756120	10/20/2019
Josh Murphy	514 Main St., Muscatine	X					24342072	10/3/2019
Edwin Steinke	2132 231st St., Muscatine	X					961750103	10/4/2019
		X					957096002	10/4/2019
		X					976988956	10/25/2019

Totals:

Hunters = 46

Doe = 51 Buck = 7 B Buck = 2 Spike = 2 Shed = 0 Deer Harvested = 62

Hunters Taken Deer = 21

Hunters That Took 3 or more Doe = 11

- 1. Tyler Treimer**
- 2. Larry Brossart**
- 3. Kevin Ellsworth**
- 4. Josh Umlandt**
- 5. Mike Schubick**
- 6. Wayne Tomkins**
- 7. Todd Bernel**
- 8. Richard Shaw**
- 9. Matt Foor**
- 10. Tim Hull**
- 11. Edwin Steinke**

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.

1. Division Support Memo

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

C. Nick Gow, Superintendent of Parks