



OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Kris M. Busse, City Administrator
From: Keith E. Hiller, Chief of Police
CC: Troy Klecker, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: April 17, 2020
Subject: Culling of Deer

Purpose

This written correspondence is a short summary of the upcoming deer management proposal for the City of Owatonna. It is our intention to cull the deer population within the City limits by allowing a city council approved archery hunt similar to 2019. Possible parks available for archers are Cashman Park, Hammann Park, Kaplan’s Woods, Leo Rudolph Nature Reserve, Manthey Park, Kriesel Park, Kaplan’s Woods Parkway, Maple Creek Parkway, and the North Straight River Park Area. Mineral Springs Park will be allowed during the second season.

Background

The deer management proposal will address or include the following:

- The culling of the deer is proposed to occur between 11/1/2019 – 11/28/2020 and 11/29/2020 – 12/23/2020. No portable stands placed on city property until October 25, 2020. No permanent stands will be allowed.
- Registration deadline is September 11, 2020 at 4 p.m.
- Two sets of fifteen permits will be randomly awarded to those passing a proficiency test.
- Hunters must be at least 18 years of age.
- Only antlerless deer may be harvested. The bag limit is 5 deer per hunter. Once a hunter harvests one antlerless deer, they may earn-a-buck.
- All entrails of deer shot will be removed intact or in containers or plastic bags and shall be disposed of properly.
- All Minnesota DNR rules and regulations will apply.

The Parks and Recreation Department will administer, manage, and monitor the archery hunt. For more information, contact Mary Jo Knudson at 507-774-7364.

Budget Impact

A non-refundable application fee of \$20 to the City of Owatonna is assessed to the applicants to offset any costs associated with the archery hunt.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of a city sponsored archery hunt during 2020.
