



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item number: 6a

Title:	Follow-up on Deer Management as Discussed at the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 7.
Presenter:	Mark Koenen, City Administrator and Police Chief Jim Keegan

Meeting: Government Operations Committee Date: January 4, 2021

Proposed Cost: \$ -0- Budgeted Amount: Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted please explain):*

At the December 7 City Council meeting, Molly Zacker, resident in Timber Subdivision requested the Council to address the increasing number of deer in the neighborhood and in the City. The concerns include deer being a nuisance and hazard. Namely the deer damage residential yards and create motorist traffic concerns (particularly in the Timbers).

Key information:

- City Ordinance currently prohibits the use of a weapon and it is unlawful to engage in killing any animal.
- Vehicle accidents involving deer between 2018 and 2020 vary from 3-5 per year. The accident locations are generally outside the center core of the City. For example, the accidents are along IL 25/Country Club Rd, IL 38/Peck Rd, IL 31/Wildrose Springs Dr, Randall Rd/Red Haw Ln, etc.
- The IL. Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has jurisdiction over wildlife management. Locally the Kane County Forest Preserve operates as an extension of the IDNR. The Forest Preserve actions concerning deer management are pursuant to an evaluation that is approved by the IDNR. Forest Preserve actions ONLY take place on Preserve owned property, outside of residential areas and where local ordinances allow for the use of firearms.
- Four management zones in and around the Elgin area where IDNR is removing deer related to the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWR).

Options for consideration:

- Willingness to consider hunting within City corporate limits; perhaps with limitations.
- Work with the County Forest Preserve to further discussion on deer management within City corporate limits.
- Status quo.
- Others.

Attachments *(please list):*

None

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain)*

Staff is seeking guidance on Council's interest to further pursue deer management.