



# City of Muscatine



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: 7-15-2021

### STAFF

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Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation

### SUBJECT DOT

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Request to Authorize the 2021/22 City Deer Hunt

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Please accept this correspondence and the attached information as a request for the City Council to authorize the 2021/22 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, during the time when such hunting is allowed by the law and regulations of the State of Iowa".

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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At this time, the City Staff would recommend that the Muscatine City Council approve the 2021/22 City Deer Hunt as outlined in the City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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Since the 2006-07 Deer Hunting Season, the City of Muscatine has participated in a citywide deer hunt program with the guidance of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Attached please find the 2020/21 Deer Hunt Report. The report will show that we have experienced minimal issues while successfully managing our deer population.

If authorized, the hunt will again be for bow hunting on approved private property with two (2) acres or more. Property owners may combine contiguous parcels to reach the two (2) acre minimum. The hunt will run from Saturday, September 11, 2021 through Monday, January 10, 2022. 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 citizen that requested to review potential public property areas be made available to hunt in future years and staff will research this in the fall.

## CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There will be no direct financial impact to the City by authorizing the deer hunt. Potential savings to citizens could be achieved by having less deer in our community thus causing less motor vehicle accidents and less landscape destruction.

## ATTACHMENTS

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City Code Title 6 Police and Public Safety Regulations, Chapter 3 Weapons

2020/21 Deer Hunt Report

Memorandum  
July 9, 2021

TO: Carol Webb, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation  
SUBJECT: 2020-21 City Deer Hunt Report

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a summary report for the 2020-21 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	20- 21	15 Years
Total	35	72	55	43	27	47	30	34	41	40	54	61	61	62	57	719

The 2020-21 City Deer Hunt Program details are as follows:

- The preseason hunt meeting took place on August 19, 2020, with 40 hunters in attendance.
- The hunting proficiency test dates were August 29, September 2 and September 9, 2020. 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 40 hunters that passed the test.
- The City of Muscatine Deer Management Zone Hunt was Saturday, September 12, 2020, to Sunday, January 10, 2021.
- 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 24 hunters took the 57 deer killed in this season's hunt (47 doe, 6 buck, 4 button buck).

In summary, the 2020-21 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: 2020-21 Deer Hunt Results

Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department  
563-263-0241  
July 16, 2021

PROPOSED  
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 28, 2021 – 8am to 10am
2. Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 5pm to 7pm
3. Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – 5pm to 7pm

In addition to the proficiency testing, an informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 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 2021/2022 deer hunting season can be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department at 563-263-0241.

2021-22 Bow Deer Hunting Time Line

July 15, 2021 – City Council Approved 2021-22 Bow Hunt

July 16, 2021 – Letter to Past Hunters Sent Out

July 16, 2021 – Deer Hunt Press Release Sent Out

August 25, 2021 – Required Public Meeting with Hunters

August 28, 2021 – First Proficiency Test Date

September 1, 2021 – Second Proficiency Test Date

September 8, 2021 – Final Proficiency Test Date

September 11, 2021 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Starts

January 10, 2022 – City Bow Deer Hunting Season Ends

2020/21 Muscatine Deer Management Harvest Report

Name	Hunters Address	Doe	Buck	B Buck	Spike	Shed	Tag #	Date
Matthew Bailey	1966 Trolley Ave., Muscatine	X					139444006	9/25/2020
		X					314132232	9/25/2020
		X					139179003	12/8/2020
Todd Bermel	2551 Stewart Rd., Muscatine	X					742868325	9/28/2020
		X					805734513	9/28/2020
			X				496222408	10/24/2020
Larry Brossart	2764 Edgeview Rd., Muscatine		X				817595659	
Austin Croson	904 5th St., Durant	X					243496929	1/8/2021
Michael Daniel	111 8th St., Durant	X					932517449	10/30/2020
		X					932782451	11/13/2020
		X					133072593	12/1/2020
Kevin Ellsworth	120 Addies Ct., Wilton	X					246512708	11/5/2020
		X					695338271	1/7/2021
		X					656328066	1/7/2021
Matt Foor	3111 Allen St., Muscatine	X					131360467	10/13/2020
		X					404568862	10/16/2020
		X					957383157	1/5/2021
Fred Haller Jr.	525 Lorenz St., Muscatine	X					787855648	9/12/2020
Mac Humphreys	1220 Mohawk Ave., Atalissa	X					929368604	9/12/2020
		X					853276203	9/15/2020
		X					852481196	9/23/2020
			X				172679116	9/23/2020
John Jindrich	1314 Smalley St., Muscatine	X					715999580	10/4/2020
		X					763103492	12/30/2020
Terry Kirchner	2764 Crestview Rd., Muscatine	X					24461320	10/14/2020
Rodney Kleindolph	1023 Newell Ave., Muscatine		X				NRA 0368-200921-083604-7	9/20/2020
James Ludman	3005 W Fulliam Ave., Muscatine			X			24485532	11/25/2020
James Miller	1511 Pine Ridge Ct., Muscatine	X					609372999	9/25/2020
Tyson Ochiltree	2424 152nd St, Muscatine	X					575926255	10/20/2020
		X					367527846	10/20/2020
		X					367792848	1/9/2021
Martin Radtke	2716 Mulberry Ave., Muscatine	X					803654773	9/14/2020
Michael Schubick	902 E 6th St., Muscatine		X				787481415	10/4/2020
		X					788789864	11/10/2020
		X					128525125	11/12/2020
		X					789054866	12/16/2020
Richard Shaw	1700 Orange St., Muscatine	X					24455751	9/12/2020
		X					24455884	9/18/2020
		X					24455900	9/19/2020
			X				24478728	11/12/2020
Ed Steinke	2132 231st St., Muscatine	X					3123437	9/30/2020
		X					968959413	11/7/2020
			X				303826634	11/10/2020
			X				431953488	
Tyler Treimer	2070 Trolley Ave., Muscatine	X					443560527	10/7/2020
		X					443312088	10/7/2020
Josh Umlandt	914 Wier St., Muscatine	X					435072676	10/31/2020
		X					434-277-669	12/13/2020
		X					266561370	1/5/2021
Billy Wagler	1822 New Hampshire St., Muscatine			X			24456828	9/21/2020
		X					24457757	9/29/2020
		X					24460641	10/8/2020
		X					24461705	10/16/2020
Tim Weikert	619 Park Ave., Muscatine	X					953610288	9/12/2020
Mike Zorich	23 Colony Dr., Muscatine			X			24460826	10/10/2020
		X					24461150	10/13/2020
		X					24476229	11/8/2020

Totals: Hunters = 24

Doe = 47 Buck = 6 B Buck = 4 Deer Harvested = 57

Hunters Taken Deer

Hunters That Took 3 or more Doe:

1. Matthew Bailey
2. Michael Daniel
3. Kevin Ellsworth
4. Matt Foor
5. Mac Humphreys
6. Tyson Ochiltree
7. Michael Schubick
8. Richard Shaw
9. Ed Steinke
10. Josh Umlandt

**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.