

HCC Recommendation

TOPIC: The city of Helena is considering spending money on a partial F.T.E. for managing the deer problem in the city limits.

SUMMARY The HCC would like to go on the record as advising the City Commission against the expenditure of any monetary resource to address the wildlife problem and should enforce the existing regulations that are on the books regarding feeding and attracting wildlife. The City should pursue with Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the appropriate action regarding wildlife.

VOTE: 17 Proponents 0 Opponents _____ Abstain

PROPOSERS:

This is not a good use of tax dollars.

FW&P already has responsibility for the wildlife

OPPOSERS:

none

DISCUSSION:

FW&P will provide reimbursement for damage done by wildlife

Something needs to be done about people enticing wildlife into the city with food and salt blocks. This could probably be taken care of through enforcement of existing regulations.

Public education on living with wildlife would probably help.