

Regular Meeting: February 13, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS,
APPROVING URBAN DEER HUNT FOR
THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY,
ARKANSAS, FOR THE 2023 SEASON;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfield Bay, in a referendum, previously approved an Urban Deer Hunt inside of the municipal boundaries of the City of Fairfield Bay, in order to reduce the population of deer, reduce the nuisances associated with an uncontrolled urban deer population, and reduce the number of vehicle accidents with deer inside of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has subsequently approved Urban Deer Hunts to maintain control of the population of deer inside city limits, subject to annual approval by the City Council; and

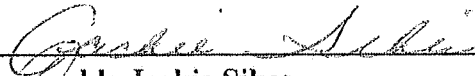
WHEREAS, the Fairfield Bay Police Department and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Officers recommend that the City continue to approve the urban deer hunt, to reduce conflicts between humans and deer, by utilizing archery deer hunting, in partnership with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Bay “Urban Deer Hunt Coordinator,” Mark Harbour, a volunteer who has tirelessly worked on this issue since its inception in the 2010 referendum, in a February 4, 2023, letter to the City, also recommends that the City approve an Urban Deer Hunt for the season that begins in 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS, that:

1. The City Council approves an Urban Deer Hunt for the 2023 season, in partnership with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association, in accordance with the previously-conducted Urban Deer Hunts since the 2010 referendum election.
2. The City Council thanks Mr. Harbour, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Bowhunters Association for their efforts.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon publication by posting by the Recorder-Treasurer, and shall likewise be published in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City of Fairfield Bay.

IT IS SO CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED by the City Council on this 13th day of February, 2023.



Honorable Jackie Sikes
Mayor, City of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas

Attest:



Rose O. Owen, Recorder-Treasurer

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