

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator
Date: January 27, 2015
Re: Coyote Update

Staff reviewed information from the DNR regarding Coyotes. Staff also contacted Wildlife Removal Services about the topic. Staff's findings are below:

- 1) The DNR has an open season on coyotes all year
- 2) The most effective way to eradicate coyotes is by rifle
- 3) Most cities, including Tonka Bay, prohibit the discharging of a firearm
- 4) Other methods include snaring/trapping
- 5) A City that contracted rifle hunting through certified urban hunters had a bullet go through a house, after BCA investigation, this all but ended this practice in several cities.
- 6) The snares and traps are also attractive to dogs/possums/raccoons and can be hazardous.
- 7) Coyotes are mostly transient right now, where they are now is not usually where they will stay.
- 8) Trapping the coyotes would likely cost \$1,000 per week, with no guarantee of success.
- 9) An assessment and report to determine the safety of the trapping area can be conducted for about \$150.
- 10) Larger cities have abandoned the practice of coyote removal and have opted for the Humane Society to give an assessment and presentation on the matter.

Council Action Requested:
Review and discuss.