

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
January 20th, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, Summer Kelly, Crystal Fouquet, Randel Barrett

COUNCIL ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Kassie Heagen, Jack Dupy

GUESTS PRESENT: Derryl Wyatt, Troy Fulton, John Ingle, Dean Wheeler, Carolyn Wheeler, Mariah Burdine, Justin Burdine, James Kane, Karla Kotara, Brandie Hefner, Grady Milton, Vicki Ramming, Nelson Britten, Brad Britten, Erik Winters, Jacob Clifton, Thomas Adams, Amber Adams, Madison McDowell, Tanya Stead, Jennifer Freeman, Patti Parks, Robert Germany, Ray Asencio, Darlene Ascencio, Jordan McAnally, Brenda Vermillion, Sonny Vigil, Delfina Vigil, Alan Wilson, Josh Cook, Garrett Travis, John Homen, Tonya Homen, Ginger Ball, Lewis Newman, Tina Newman

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. With a quorum present Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.
3. The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Randel Barrett made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes for the previous meeting. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Mayor Pro Tem comments. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball publicly apologized for the January 13th, 2025, meeting. Mayor Pro Tem then described how the meeting will be conducted in open forum from now on.
7. Action regarding EMS services. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball requested a motion to approve White Deer EMS services for \$236,825.00, the motion failed for lack of a motion. Randel Barrett made the motion to approve the Hemphill County Hospital District EMS,

seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

8. Adjust and approve EMS budget. Mayor Pro Tem made the motion to approve EMS budget for \$150,000.00 for Hemphill County Hospital District EMS estimated cost, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0. Randel Barrett made the motion to approve the EMS budget increase by \$30,000 from the Marshall account, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

9. CDC fund approval for White Deer Riding Club and Kickback Day. Tanya Stead presented the proposal to the council. CDC is seeking approval for the White Deer Riding Club for \$15,000 for entertainment for the 2025 rodeo. The CDC is also seeking approval for \$850 for the jump house for Kickback Day 2025. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the amount of \$15,000 to the White Deer Riding Club and \$850 to Kickback Day, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

10. Carson County Appraisal District resolution nomination of board of director, Chris Rapstine. Summer Kelly made the motion to accept the resolution to nominate Chris Rapstine to CCAD Board of Directors for the upcoming year, seconded by Randel Barrett, all for, motion carried 4-0.

11. Call for May 3rd, 2025, municipal election. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to call for the May 3rd election, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

12. Set two mandatory 12-hour election days for early voting. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to approve two mandatory 12-hour election days in April, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

13. Appointment of election judges. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to approve Vicki Ramming and Paulette Smith as the election judges, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

14. Accounts payable. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of January as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.

15. Reports. (a) Utility. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball gave highlights. (b) Code Enforcement report given by Jack Dupy. (c) EMS report given by Kassie Heagen. (d) Fire Department report given

by Nelson Britten. (e) EDC no additional report. (f) Council Member Comments. Summer Kelly stated the EMS situation has been very hard for all council. Crystal Fouquet concurred; the budget has been the ultimate factor with what we have been presented with. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball adds the council sees how hard they have worked. We genuinely care about White Deer EMS and the city of White Deer. Also requests a meeting to go over information for the transition.

16. Comments from concerned citizens. Vicki Ramming asked what would happen if a catastrophic event occurred with mass casualties, like a tornado. And if neighboring cities have the same catastrophic event, will White Deer have coverage. Asked City Secretary if for sure, having early voting in Panhandle. Carolyn Wheeler spoke she supports White Deer EMS and is disappointed in the council's decision. Dean Wheeler stated elections and lack of elections have consequences and citizens need to get on the ballot for upcoming election. John Homen volunteered for EMS for 20 years. Stating when a city has a volunteer service that requires more money paying out than bringing in, it is not going to work. Hard decision but right one, when having to pay volunteers.

17. Set meeting date. Crystal Fouquet made motion to set next Special Council Meeting date for February 3rd, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

18. Adjourn meeting at 6:36 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randel Barrett, all for, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes

