

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
July 21st, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Nick Ball, Crystal Fouquet, Dylan Ball, Lyn Owens, Summer Kelly

COUNCIL ABSENT: Ray Pipes

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Cindy Walton

GUESTS PRESENT: Tyrel Lashmet, Brent Stephens, Vicki Ramming, Shane Chaney, Carolyn Wheeler, Dean Wheeler, Jesse Parks, Alan Wilson, James Kane, John Ingle

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. With a quorum present Mayor Nick Ball called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.
3. The invocation was given by Summer Kelly.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Lyn Owens made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Public Comments. No public comments.
7. Accounts payable. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of July as presented, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
8. Reports. (a) Utility. Mayor Nick Ball gave report. (b) Code Enforcement. Mayor Ball noted that properties have been addressed in violation. (c) EMS report. No report at this time. (d) Fire Department report. Jesse Parks gave report. (e) CDC report. Andrew Bichsel gave report. Next CDC meeting will be October 2025.
9. ESD 1 discussion with Brent Stephens and Alan Wilson. ESD 1 requests a copy of the Hemphill County Hospital District EMS contract. Brent Stephens shared what is happening with ESD 1 currently. Mr. Stephens asked council what they would like ideally for White Deer. Mayor Nick Ball replied since White Deer is centrally located, an ambulance service would be ideal. Mr. Stephens noted that this coming fiscal year is a year of needs, then see from there.

10. Review and 2nd reading approval for an ordinance of the City of White Deer, Texas, providing for the regulation of mobile food vendors within the city; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date. Dylan Ball made the motion for 2nd reading approval for an ordinance of the City of White Deer, Texas, providing for the regulation of mobile food vendors within the city; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing for publication in the official newspaper; and providing an effective date; seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion 4-0.
11. Virginia Germany variance request – 508 W 3rd Ave. Dylan Ball made the motion to not approve the Virginia Germany variance request – 508 W 3rd Ave, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
12. 1st approval for water, sewer and trash rate increase for out of city customers. Dylan Ball shared information he has been collecting and recommends more than out of city customers will be affected by rate increase. Lyn Owens made the motion to disapprove the wording of the 1st approval for water, sewer and trash rate increase for out of city customers, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
13. 1st approval for adjustment corrections to water, sewer, and trash rates. Catarina Stokes shared that updating rates on websites have shown that there are discrepancies among customer accounts. Crystal Fouquet made the motion for first approval for adjustment corrections to water, sewer, and trash rates, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
14. Software discussion and approval for city office. Catarina Stokes shared 3 software quotes and information. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve Ampstun software for city office at \$24,550.00, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
15. White Deer CDC approval for Big Shed Customs repainting of the White Deer Motors sign. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the White Deer CDC approval for Big Shed Customs repainting of the White Deer Motors sign for \$614.00, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
16. White Deer CDC approval for Kyle Mesneak trimming and shaping of 7 Bradford pear trees on Main Street. Lyn Owens made the motion to approve the White Deer CDC approval for Kyle Mesneak trimming and shaping of 7 Bradford pear trees on Main Street for \$1600, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

17. White Deer CDC approval for Kyle Mesneak trimming and shaping of the 3 trees in the Memorial Plaza Garden on Main Street. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the White Deer CDC approval for Kyle Mesneak trimming and shaping of the 3 trees in the Memorial Plaza Garden on Main Street for \$900, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
18. White Deer CDC approval for City of White Deer Maple Sewer Project purchase. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the White Deer CDC approval for City of White Deer Maple Sewer Project for \$65,381.25, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
19. White Deer CDC approval for City of White Deer generator purchase. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve White Deer CDC approval for City of White Deer generator purchase for \$40,400, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
20. Approval for closure of streets around the park for Kickback Day on Saturday, July 26th, 2025 (W 5th Street between Omohundro Street and Doucette Street). Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the closure of streets around the park for Kickback Day on Saturday, July 26th, 2025 (W 5th Street between Omohundro Street and Doucette Street), seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
21. Executive Session – Gov Code Section 551.074. Mayor Nick Ball made the motion to go into executive session at 7:27 p.m. The council came out of the executive session at 7:41 p.m.
22. Approval of code and animal enforcer. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve Thomas Adams for code and animal enforcer, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
23. Council member comments. No council member comments.
24. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball said he is proud to share that Caylee Adams, pool manager, has stayed under budget by more than half. Mayor Ball let council know Rayleigh Gaines is our temporary utility clerk. Mayor Ball added that City of White Deer had another Department of Labor request for unpaid overtime from previous and the check will be over \$1000. Mayor Ball also requested an update on the water tower and Plains Internet contract. Crystal Fouquet will send information to the city secretary. Mayor Ball said with the new fiscal year approaching, he would like to get the city guys a new mower. Mayor Ball said there is a rumor going around about the city trapping cats and it is not true. City of White Deer is not doing anything with cats.
25. Set meeting date. Summer Kelly made the motion to set the next council meeting date for August 5th, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.

26. Adjourn meeting at 7:49 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Lyn Owens made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes