

MINUTES

CITY OF WHITE DEER

APRIL 7th, 2025

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Cindy Walton

GUESTS PRESENT: Derryl Wyatt, Ray Pipes, Tina Newman, Jacob Clifton, Erik Winters, Dean Wheeler, Amber Adams, Thomas Adams, Nelson Britten, Troy Fulton, Jessica Wooldridge, James Kane, Daniel Mooney

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. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Randell Barrett, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Comments from concerned citizens. Dean Wheeler asked when the bond was paid off for the water tower and will the \$10.50 come off the utility bill. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated that the office will investigate that.
7. 2nd reading approval appointing Catarina Stokes as Records Management Officer. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball read the 2nd reading of the Records Management Policy.
8. Approve Public Funds Agreement with Happy State Bank. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the Public Funds Agreement with Happy State Bank, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
9. Discuss bank accounts. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated that the City has two inactive accounts and that a transaction needs to take place so they can be active again, and not risk going to dormant status. If account (s) is closed, Crystal Fouquet suggested we can put in the technology fund account to go toward the City Hall software upgrade. Catarina Stokes and Crystal Fouquet also noted that the

accounting software currently being used will not be supported after the end of the fiscal year.

10. Review animal ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated that he talked with the Panhandle City Manager, and they will not do a joint venture for animal control. Discussion with Sheriff Tam Terry suggested the City send any possibly rabid animal to get tested to be sure. Crystal Fouquet suggested the council start looking into the ordinance and begin planning to put back into budget for the next fiscal year.
11. Discuss seasonal employees. The council discussed hiring out or hiring seasonal employees to help the utility employees maintain the City facilities.
12. Council member comments. Crystal Fouquet asked when the 2nd generator would be needed. Catarina Stokes stated to be in compliance with TCEQ, the city would need the generator before the next inspection. Crystal Fouquet also let the community know that the City has been reported to the Department of Labor. And that investigation would be later in the week. The council is aware that things in the past have been incorrect. The council agrees that it is a good thing to help fix the issues that have been discovered. Crystal Fouquet stated the council is comfortable that the current city secretary is doing things correctly. Mayor Pro Tem noted the mistakes that have been found is what has encouraged office employees to begin comparing employee handbooks to begin updating the City employee handbook. Mayor Pro Tem also said that in the last few weeks, more checks and balances have been put in place.
13. Mayor Pro Tem comments. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball attended the City of Panhandle council meeting and spoke with their Mayor and City Manager about no mutual EMS aid. Mayor Pro Tem was informed in an event of an emergency, City of Panhandle will render aid. Mayor Pro Tem also noted through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, there is already a mutual aid agreement in place.
14. Set next meeting date. Summer Kelly made the motion to set the next meeting date for April 22nd, 2025, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.
15. Adjourn meeting at 6:35 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda Crystal Fouquet made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes