

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF WHITE DEER**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Nick Ball, Crystal Fouquet, Summer Kelly, Dylan Ball, Ray Pipes, Lyn Owens (after he was sworn into office)

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Catarina Stokes, Cindy Walton

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Wade Petty, Troy Fulton, Amber Adams, Thomas Adams, Jesse Parks, Mariah Chaney-Burdine

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 Ray Pipes.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes for the previous meeting. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Comments from concerned citizens. Wade Petty began with a thank you to the council for doing what they are doing. Mr. Petty let the council know when Mr. Kelp was mayor, he would send a message to the community in the newspaper and recommends as an idea to do again. Mr. Petty had 5 main concerns and noted no one needed to answer: (1) when was the comp time changed to PTO? (2) How is the hourly overtime figured? Who is keeping that time? There are ways to keep track. Mr. Petty added that the overtime and comp time discrepancies have come up from previous employees. Mayor Ball replied that with the employee handbook there are a lot of unknown past practices that are not set in stone. And there are policies that do need to be established for the employees. (3) What happened to Darrell's firearms? Katrina (Warminski) would tell him that they were his (Darrell's) guns and he paid for them through comp time. Mr. Petty added that the guns were bought by the city and how comp time was supposed to be used. Summer Kelly asked if Mr. Petty knew what weapons the City purchased. He replied he does not know. (4) Is the money for law enforcement still there? Is it accumulating? Mayor Ball asked if he is requesting a public address to these questions. Mr. Petty said not really, but he can if he wants. (5) Contractor for Senior Citizen's drainage is a smart thing. Crystal Fouquet added the Senior Citizen's drainage is being paid for by CDC, and that entity could help answer any questions.
7. Approval and swearing in of Lyn Owens for vacant council seat. Mayor Nick Ball swore in Lyn Owens as council member for the vacant council seat left by Mr. Ball becoming

Mayor. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the swearing in of Lyn Owens for the vacant council seat, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

8. Discuss, appoint and approve Mayor Pro Tem. Ray Pipes made the motion to appoint and approve Dylan Ball for Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
9. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval of CDC project for Green Plains Design. Mayor Nick Ball read aloud the resolution for the CDC project for Green Plains Design. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approval of CDC project for Green Plains Design for \$14,568.31, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
10. Approval for Maple development project. Mayor Ball explained that the council and the City have learned a lot since approving to cover costs for the Maple Sewer Extension Project for ~\$65,000.00. Ray Pipes mentioned developers usually pay, why did the city approve to cover costs. Mayor Ball added that talking with other municipalities, City was informed payment options could be all the developer cost, shared cost with the developer, or all city covered. Mayor Ball also added that going forward, approval by council is a legality and must be done first before developer work is started. Crystal Fouquet noted research was done that the eventual property tax would cover the upfront costs. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the Maple development project, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
11. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading approval for Telecommunications Tax Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, REPEALING THE APPLICATION OF THE EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES ON RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 321.210 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 5, "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX," AND IMPOSING A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX ON THE RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT NO SUCH TAX PROVIDED FOR HEREUNDER SHALL SERVE AS AN OFFSET TO OR TO REDUCE ANY AMOUNT PAYABLE BY ANY PROVIDER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PURSUANT TO ANY FRANCHISE, STREET USE ORDINANCE, CHARTER PROVISION, STATUTE, OR ANY OTHER IMPOSITION OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Ball read aloud the ordinance. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the Telecommunications Tax Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, REPEALING THE APPLICATION OF THE EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES ON RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 321.210 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 5, "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX," AND IMPOSING A

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12. Discuss and 2<sup>ND</sup> reading APPROVAL FOR AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR PEDDLING OF ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BY ANY CANVASSER, ITINERANT, PEDDLER OR SOLICITOR WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A PERMIT FOR THE SAME UPON APPLICATION AND THE PAYMENT OF A FEE AND PROVIDING FOR REVIEW, INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT. Mayor Ball read aloud the ordinance. Catarina Stokes asked the council for suggestions on times to allow vendors to sell and costs for the permits. Dylan Ball noted could add differential times for food trucks compared to a door-to-door solicitor. Council members like the example from City of Claude with 3 different payment options: daily, monthly or yearly. Lyn Owens suggests for Kickback Day perhaps the Park Committee can collect permit fee for the park. Crystal Fouquet suggested the Park Committee pay the permit fee. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the 2<sup>ND</sup> READING APPROVAL FOR AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR PEDDLING OF ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE BY ANY CANVASSER, ITINERANT, PEDDLER OR SOLICITOR WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A PERMIT FOR THE SAME UPON APPLICATION AND THE PAYMENT OF A FEE AND PROVIDING FOR REVIEW, INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
13. Discuss potential new hires. Mayor Ball let the council know Jack Dupy has put in his notice and is no longer employed as City Code Enforcer. Summer Kelly asked how long we can go without a code enforcer. Catarina Stokes replied it is not a mandatory position. Crystal Fouquet noted that the new Code Enforcer would need a week-long training course to certify and that animal control certification is that long as well. The council suggested a dual role. Dylan Ball suggests \$15.00 per hour part time for the job posting. The council agreed. Mayor Ball talked of how City of Panhandle does their animal control. Mayor Ball added that White Deer does have a feral cat issue. Mayor Ball added when City gets cages, City will make a post on website when traps will be set out and encourages everyone to get tags for their animals. Mayor Ball says the strays will not be euthanized. Mayor Ball also let the council know City had posted for a part-time laborer to help the utility employees and landfill to possibly alleviate some overtime. The applicant is Gail Webb's grandson. Crystal Fouquet asked about nepotism. Mayor Ball replied that Mrs. Webb would not be his immediate supervisor at all. Catarina Stokes added Anthony Scott and Mayor Ball would be his immediate supervisor. Crystal Fouquet requests a 6-month probationary period. Ray Pipes suggests for the employee

handbook a progressive system for penalties needs to be added, and suggested coaching sessions, written and so on.

14. Council member comments. Summer Kelly asked if the trash truck is down. Mayor Ball replied no, there was some hydraulic fluid leaking, but it has been resolved. Crystal Fouquet replied to Wade Petty that his concerns he addressed earlier are on the council radar. Budget for Marshall has been used for other departments, like IRS penalties from the past and a generator to be in compliance. Dylan Ball asked if anyone had heard about when the ESD will be funded? Mayor Ball said he has not yet, nor anyone in the office. Crystal Fouquet is thinking it will be later in the year or longer, because no notice has been given. Dylan Ball noted he has talked with Judge Looten and he is thinking it may possibly be January 2026. Dylan Ball also added he has been researching how the City of White Deer can add a city homestead tax exemption. Mayor Ball added that it will cut the city's revenue. Crystal Fouquet added it will help citizens when the ESD begins. Mayor Ball asked if City should keep our current property tax rate? Crystal Fouquet and Dylan Ball said yes and then add the homestead exemption. Dylan Ball is going to research and get more details from Carson CAD. Crystal Fouquet suggested the discussion to be on the next agenda. Crystal Fouquet asked if there is any word on the fire hydrant incident. Mayor Ball said he and the office have not heard anything yet.
15. Mayor comments. Mayor Ball said he has looked into the aerial mosquito spraying at a cost of about \$2,500. Mayor Ball added a daily notice for 3 days would be needed. Dylan Ball asked Wade Petty how the spraying would affect the honeybees. Mr. Petty said it potentially could harm the bees. Mr. Petty added even moving the bee hives could harm the bees as well. Mayor Ball let council know we have a new updated website. Catarina Stokes added the transition will begin tomorrow. Mayor Ball noted Plains Internet will be upgrading to fiber optics near the water tower foundation. Mayor Ball said he spoke with TCEQ of any concerns, they replied to him as long as not penetrating water tower they have no concern. Mayor Ball added the contract with Plains Internet is annually for 20 years, can be canceled within 120 days of October 2025. Mayor Ball shared with the council that the pool opened and had 101 people enter for the first day. Mayor Ball also shared that City is looking at Raypak heater potentially for the pool. Mayor Ball let council know there is some chipping going on at the pool and concrete. Crystal Fouquet wondered if any contract and workmanship warranty when work was done last year from the Sandblasting. Catarina Stokes replied she has not seen any contract or warranty paperwork, just an invoice. Mayor Ball said that one of the properties that Jack Dupy had sent a few letters to is working with the fire department to finish cleaning up. Mayor Ball noted waiting on City Attorney's suggestions on the city ordinances for off-road vehicles rules to be established.
16. Set meeting date. Summer Kelly made the motion to set the next council meeting date for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
17. Adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Ray Pipes made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Nick Ball

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City Secretary Catarina Stokes