

MINUTES

CITY OF WHITE DEER

September 15th, 2025

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Ray Pipes

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Anthony Scott

GUESTS PRESENT: Cindy Walton, Lynda Paul, Brent Stephens, Jacob Clifton, Cuyler McAnnally, Kyle Hefner, John Ingle, Vicki Ramming, Brad Britten, Jarian Fred, Steve Raus, Nancy Garrison

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Mayor Nick Ball.
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. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Public Comments. Steve Raus said that he is currently working on his property to be in compliance with city ordinances. Mayor Nick Ball announced to council that our current code enforcer resigned that afternoon.
7. Discussion with ESD 1 representative Brent Stephens. Brent Stephens shared with council an update on ESD 1. Mr. Stephens stated ESD 1 has approved to cover the costs of the current Hemphill County Hospital District contracts for White Deer, Groom, and Skellytown. Mr. Stephens added ESD 1 is willing to help some with the city's want of an ambulance. Mr. Stephens noted there is about \$40,000 wiggle room, city would need to request help.
8. Discuss and consider a strategic plan proposal between the City of White Deer and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for professional services related to the development and delivery of a strategic plan for the City of White Deer. Jarian Fred, the Local Government Services Coordinator, shared his background with council. Mr.

Fred informed council that his goal is to help the City go from surviving to thriving to management. Mr. Fred added the team will evaluate where the City currently is and then where the City can be. Mr. Fred noted his team is currently helping the City of Hereford. Mr. Fred let council know estimated cost will be about \$10,000 for the contract and \$65.00/hour for professional services. Mayor Nick Ball shared that currently the City is more reactive, not proactive; and would like to see the City grow.

9. Accounts payable. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of September as presented, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
10. Reports. (a) Utility. Anthony Scott gave utility report. (b) EMS report. Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (c). Fire Department report. Brad Britten gave the Fire Department report. (d) CDC report. No report. (e) Code Enforcement. Report on work done was provided to council.
11. Approval for Urban Kelp multi-family housing project on Swift Street. Mayor Nick Ball shared the plans with council. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the Urban Kelp multi-family housing project on Swift Street, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
12. Public hearing on the proposed tax rate. Mayor Nick Ball opened the hearing for public comments. No public comments on public hearing on the proposed tax rate.
13. Vote on proposed tax rate for 2025-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE TO ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR A DATE TO CONDUCT A VOTE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AS PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the tax rate for 2025-2026: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE TO ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON

THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR A DATE TO CONDUCT A VOTE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AS PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

14. 3rd reading approval for an ordinance of the City of White Deer, Texas adopting a change of retail water and wastewater utility rates; providing for findings of fact; severability; publication; codification; establishing an effective date; and proper notice and meeting. See attached rate codes. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve an ordinance of the City of White Deer, Texas adopting a change of retail water and wastewater utility rates; providing for findings of fact; severability; publication; codification; establishing an effective date; and proper notice and meeting, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
15. Approval to begin road asphalt repair. Mayor Nick Ball shared quotes from Advanced Paving: W 8th Ave – 43,190 SF for \$47,167.90, W 6th Ave – 49,470 SF for \$49,236.70, S Williston – 46,610 SF for \$31,251.10, S Doucette – 24,200 SF for \$30,437.50, and S Omohundro – 25,190 SF for \$31,392.70. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve to begin road asphalt repair, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.
16. Approval for Code Enforcer software. Mayor Nick Ball shared one of the city employees is interested in the code enforcer position. Dylan Ball made the motion to disapprove the Code Enforcer software, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
17. Discussion and possible action on water wells. Anthony Scott shared waiting on bids to come in for plugging up the Santa Fe well. No action taken.
18. Discussion and possible action for Plains Internet. Catarina Stokes shared that Plains Internet is open to providing the City with internet locations where needed, for example at City Hall and the Fire Department. Ms. Stokes also shared Plains Internet is open to providing phone service, and would council be okay with paying the hardware for the phones. Mayor Nick Ball added current contract is for one year. The revised contract is for 4 years. Ms. Stokes added the revised contract has been sent to city attorney. Summer Kelly made the motion to table the possible action for Plains Internet, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
19. Approval for City employees raises for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Mayor Nick Ball proposes 2% cost of living raise for the full-time city employees, \$2 raise for City Secretary to match previous secretary, and \$1 raise for Utility Clerk. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to

approve the City employee raises for 2025-2026 fiscal year, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

20. Discussion and possible action for Fire Marshal. Brad Britten shared the process for Mayor and council to approve a Fire Marshal in accordance with City Ordinance. Mr. Britten informed council of the steps necessary to implement the role of Fire Marshal. Mr. Britten also recommends council approve the 2021 International Fire Code when ready to move forward. No action taken.
21. Council member comments. Summer Kelly noted she is being asked what the plans for the City Marshal will be. Dylan Ball and Lyn Owens have talked with Carson County Sheriff. Mayor Nick Ball added council is open to having a City Marshal or Carson County Deputy stationed in White Deer; and to please invite the Sheriff to a council discussion.
22. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball let council know White Deer Youth Association came to the office to request location approvals for the batting cages. Mayor Ball added, WDYA will be using a generator for power and putting away their equipment every time.
23. Set meeting date. Summer Kelly made the motion to set the next council meeting date for October 20th, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
24. Adjourn meeting at 8:15 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, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes

Sanitation/Trash Rates shall be as follows:

Rate Code	Description	Current Rate	New Rate per Bin
R01	Residential	\$30.00	\$30.00
R02	Business	\$30.00	\$49.00
R03	Churches	\$30.00	\$30.00
R04	Larger Sanitation	\$61.00	\$49.00
R05	Schools	\$49.00	\$49.00
R15	Commercial W/TA	\$49.00	\$60.00
R16	Trash-Country	\$30.00	\$60.00
R17	Trash Gin	\$204.00	\$70.00
R20	Trash-Country-4	\$49.00	\$60.00
R21	Double Charge	\$30.00	\$49.00
R22	Trash-2 Dumpsters	\$84.00	\$49.00
D01	Trash 18 Units	\$171.00	\$49.00

Water Rates shall be as follows:

Rate Code	Description	Current Rate Base 2K Gal	Current Rate over Base	New Rate Base 2K Gal	New Rate over Base
R01	Residential	\$12.00	\$2.40	\$20.00	\$2.75
R02	Business	\$12.00	\$2.40	\$30.00	\$3.25
R03	Churches	\$12.00	\$2.40	\$20.00	\$2.75
R04	Business	\$36.00	\$7.40	\$55.00	\$7.50
R05	Out of City	\$12.00	\$2.40	\$55.00	\$7.50
R05 Surcharge	Out of City Monthly Fee	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
R06 (add codes)	School	\$12.00	\$2.40	\$30.00	\$3.25

Sewer Rates shall be as follows:

Rate Code	Description	Current Rate Base 2K Gal	Current Rate over Base	New Rate Base 2K Gal	New Rate over Base
R01	Residents	\$6.00	\$1.50	\$15.00	\$1.50
R02	Business	\$6.00	\$1.50	\$15.00	\$1.75
R03	Churches	\$6.00	\$1.50	\$15.00	\$1.50
R04	N/A	\$9.50			No charges
R05	Country	\$6.50		\$25.00	\$4.00
R06	School	\$17.50		\$27.75	\$0.00
R021	Double Chg N/A	\$16.00	\$0.20		No charges