

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
February 17th, 2025

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, Crystal Fouquet, Randel Barrett
COUNCIL ABSENT: Summer Kelly
EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Jack Dupy
GUESTS PRESENT: Kyle Hefner, Dean Wheeler, Carolyn Wheeler, Cuyler McAnally, Grady Milton, Sandra Humphrey, Dylan Ball, Amber Adams, Thomas Adams, Greg Radina, Debra Cook, Jacob Clifton, Cindy Walton, Tanya Stead, John Homen, Tonya Homen, Chris Homen

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 Crystal Fouquet.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Randel Barrett made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 3-0.
5. Approve the minutes for the previous meeting. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Randel Barrett, all for, motion carried 3-0.
6. Comments from concerned citizens. Kyle Hefner noted to council about getting water on the north side of the tracks; he requested 2 years ago. Dean Wheeler asked for more information for the investment policy, what type of market instruments is the city looking into. Dylan Ball requested information on EMS 501 (c)(3) and what will happen to the equipment. Could the equipment be donated to the City of White Deer to keep local.
7. Honor Grady Milton. Grady Milton shared his story of how the White Deer EMS began 33 years ago. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball and City Council members, Crystal Fouquet and Randel Barrett, presented a plaque to Grady Milton for his dedication and service to White Deer.
8. Signing of Hemphill County Hospital District EMS contract. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball signed the contract with Hemphill County HDEMS. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the signing of the contract, seconded by Randel Barret, all for, motion carried 3-0.

9. City Council approval of Emergency Service District. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to formally approve the ESD, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 3-0.

10. 501 (c)(3) Discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated that City has requested WD 501(c)(3) to donate equipment for the city. Grady Milton believes equipment must go to another 501(c)(3). The City Attorney advised the City could receive said donations, first an ordinance would need to be put in place and must be acknowledged in an open meeting. Records must be kept 7 years from the date of service or 7 years after the child turns 18 years old. Jacob Clifton stated it could be in contract that City of White Deer keeps any equipment donated from 501 (c)(3).

11. Variance review and action of 801 South Texas Street. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to table the action on the Variance due to only two voting council members, seconded by Randel Barret, all for, motion carried 3-0.

12. White Deer Baseball block 4th Avenue and Paul St for baseball tournament Thursday, February 27th through Saturday, March 1st, 2025. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the blocking of 4th Avenue and Paul St for the baseball tournament Thursday, February 27th through Saturday, March 1st, 2025, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 3-0.

13. Amend Order of Election for May 3rd, 2025, election. Since the ESD has passed by Carson County to be on the May ballot, the county will now absorb the election. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to approve the amended Order of Election, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 3-0.

14. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission wish list. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball explained that Katie Hodges has helped start the grant process. Alex Guerrero with PPRC has let Katie Hodges and Catarina Stokes know more information is needed. The council was requested to put together a list of projects that needed to be done around the city. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated if citizens have any project ideas to please let the City Secretary know at City Hall in writing.

15. Accounts payable. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of February as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 3-0.

16. Reports. (a) Utility. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball gave highlights. Water Superintendent requested with the cold front coming in to remember to drip taps. (b) Code Enforcement report given by Jack Dupy. Requests to also finish street signs on 3rd Street. (c) EMS report given by Jacob Clifton. (d) Fire Department report given by Nelson Britten. (e) CDC Tanya Stead gave report. (f) Council Member Comments. No further comments from the council members. (g) Mayor Pro Tem Comments. Mayor Pro Tem noted TCEQ may be requiring the city to purchase a generator. Mayor Pro Tem answered Dean Wheeler's concerned citizen question. Happy State Bank and King View Partners are giving investment options. An investment ordinance will need to be set up first.

17. Set meeting date. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to set the next Council Meeting date for March 17th, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 3-0.

18. Adjourn meeting at 7:01 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Crystal Fouquet made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randel Barrett, all for, motion carried 3-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes