

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
April 22nd, 2025

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Randel Barrett

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Cindy Walton

GUESTS PRESENT: Dean Wheeler, Carolyn Wheeler, Tina Newman, Mike Short, Josh Cook, Thomas Adams, Amber Adams, Dylan Ball, Jacob Clifton, Brad Britten, Chelly Helms, Daniel Mooney, Jessica Wooldridge, Vicki Ramming, Shane Chaney, Tonya Stead, Ginger Ball

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 3-0.
5. Approve the minutes for the previous meeting. Nick Ball made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.
6. Comments from concerned citizens. Vicki Ramming requested Keep White Deer Beautiful account be used to help beautify Main St. Ms. Ramming also requested help cleaning the gutters on Main St. Dean Wheeler asked if Council new what the \$1 fee on the utility statement was for. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated it is called Fire Receipts. Mr. Wheeler asked if there would be a refund for the \$10.50 certificate of obligation. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball replied yes there will be a \$10.50 adjustment. Catarina Stokes added it may take some time, because Gail Webb will have to do each adjustment individually, there is not a way to do so instantly for all affected accounts. Mr. Wheeler also asked what will happen with the remaining ambulance and EMS building. Mayor Pro Tem Ball stated at the moment the ambulance is still with the city, and the EMS building is empty. Mr. Wheeler asked if the swimming pool will be open this year. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball answered yes, the city is hoping to open the pool. Dylan Ball shared information about a possible new revenue for the city, Telecommunications Tax. The council thanked Mr. Ball for his research and would like to move forward with the Telecommunications Tax.
7. Audit proposal and approval for the 2023-2024 fiscal year—Atlas CCMS CPA's & Advisors PLLC. Fermin Ramirez gave the audit presentation virtually. Mr. Ramirez recommends raising sanitation prices and fees or allocating expenses differently for the sanitation fund in order for the department to fund itself and not depend on the general

fund. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the audit proposal for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.

8. Review and action for the Wyatt contract of 1959. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to follow legal council's suggestion and not approve the Wyatt contract of 1959, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.
9. Review and approve bid for Maple sewer extension project. The council discussed the four bids received for the Maple sewer extension project. Crystal Fouquet stated to be sure the company that is utilized has COI (Certificate of Insurance) and to be sure the city is added to the insurance. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve Scott Wampler Construction & Services for the Maple sewer extension project, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 3-0.
10. Review and action for WDYA request to build batting cages at the baseball park. Parker Petty shared location possibilities for the batting cages at the baseball park. Mr. Petty stated WDYA would be responsible for maintenance of the cages. The council recommended contacting the city attorney for any signage that may be needed so the city is not liable for injuries or damages. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve WDYA request to build batting cages at the baseball park, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 3-0.
11. Approval to add CSI resolution per TCEQ compliance. Catarina Stokes shared that city Water Superintendent, Anthony Scott, reminded the office that the city needs in writing the requirement that a CSI is needed for any plumbing work performed to be in compliance. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve adding CSI resolution per TCEQ compliance, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.
12. Discuss and approve city employees going to biweekly pay. Catarina Stokes shared the current employee handbook needs to be updated and is in the process. The biweekly pay will be added as revised. Mayor Pro Tem shared more information learned from the Department of Labor investigator. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve city employees going to biweekly pay, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 3-0.
13. Review and approve fire department purchase. Josh Cook shared information about the items on the purchase list for First Responder Medical Calls. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to approve the fire department purchase, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.
14. Discuss and approve removal of certificate of obligation from utility bill. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball noted customers who currently pay the obligation will be reimbursed the one month of \$10.50. Catarina Stokes added it will be an adjustment to their utility bill one at a time. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to approve the removal of the certificate of obligation from utility bill, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.
15. Accounts payable. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of April as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 3-0.

16. Reports. (a) Utility. Mayor Pro Tem gave utility report. (b) Code Enforcement. Report provided to council. (c) EMS report. Director Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (d) Fire Department report. Brad Britten gave the Fire Department report. (e) CDC report. Tanya Stead shared the CDC report. Next CDC meeting is May 7, 2025. (f) Council Member Comments. Crystal Fouquet asked if TML Riskpool had been updated. Catarina Stokes replied yes and received a credit refund already. Summer Kelly asked the status of the employee handbook. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball stated the city will be moving forward with a new employee handbook. Catarina Stokes added it is on the list to start working on. (g) Mayor Pro Tem Comments. No additional Mayor Pro Tem comments.
17. Set meeting date. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to set the next Council Meeting date for May 5th, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 3-0.
18. Adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Summer Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 3-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes