

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
November 17th, 2025

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Anthony Scott

GUESTS PRESENT: Chelsie Parsley, Troy Fulton, Brad Britten, James Kane, Jacob Clifton, Phillip Hefner, Kelsey Estes, Nelson Britten, John Ingle, Jesse Parks

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 Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
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, motion carried 4-0, with Ray Pipes abstaining.
6. Public Comments. No public comments.
7. Discuss and possible action for code/animal enforcer. Mayor Nick Ball shared with council the code/animal enforcer position is open again and Chelsie Parsley is still interested in the role. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve Chelsie Parsley as code/animal enforcer, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
8. Accounts payable. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of November as presented, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 5-0.
9. Reports. (a) Utility report. Anthony Scott gave utility report. (b) EMS report. Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (c). Fire Department report. Troy Fulton was present for the fire report. Mayor Nick Ball requested agendas and minutes from the fire department meetings be sent to city secretary. (d) CDC report. No report at this time. (e) Code Enforcement. No report at this time.

10. Discuss and action of drought contingency plan. Anthony Scott shared that TCEQ recommends the drought contingency plan is updated every five years. Mr. Scott advised TCEQ did not see any immediate changes in the plan is needed, other than updating names and contact details. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve current drought contingency plan until General Code makes recommendations, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
11. Discuss and approval to update plumbing ordinance. Anthony Scott shared TCEQ had one potential violation, plumbing code needs enforcement actions for violations. Ray Pipes made the motion for first approval to update plumbing ordinance, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
12. Discuss and approve city strategy committee. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve City Strategy Committee, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
13. Discuss, select, and approve city strategy committee board. Mayor Nick Ball and council shared have five candidates for the board. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve Craig Urbanczyz, Gage Freeman, Jarrod Ledbetter, John Ingle, and Wade Petty for City Strategy Committee board, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
14. 2nd approval of White Deer CDC approval for Green Plains Design 3rd and Main Street NW corner. Mayor Nick Ball read the resolution for approval: a resolution of city council of the City of White Deer, Texas approving the project of using funds provided by the White Deer Community Development Committee in an amount exceeding \$10,000 as required by the Texas Local Government Code, Section 505.158. Dylan Ball made the motion for second approval for White Deer CDC approval for Green Plains Design 3rd and Main Street NW corner for \$27,522.35, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
15. Discussion and action for winter average for residential sewer. Dylan Ball suggested November, December and January be utilized for winter averaging. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve beginning winter averaging for residential sewer, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
16. Discuss and action for a senior citizen discount for water and sewer utility bill. Catarina Stokes shared that TML legal suggested any utility discount needed to benefit the greater good of the community. Ms. Stokes also shared city attorney, will be helping with the resolution needed for second approval. Dylan Ball requested discount will be \$3 off residential and \$3 off sewer. Mr. Ball also suggested it is the citizen's responsibility to let city hall know of the discount request. Mr. Ball also recommended city secretary simply

share a notice that it is the senior citizen's responsibility to let city hall know about the senior discount request. Crystal Fouquet made the motion for first approval of residential senior citizen discount for 65 years old and older to be \$3 off water and \$3 off sewer utility bill upon their request at city hall, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.

17. Carson County Appraisal District Resolution nomination of Board of Director – Chris Rapstine. Mayor Nick Ball let council know Chris Rapstine was the only candidate nominated for White Deer, and the approval is a formality for record. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve Carson County Appraisal District Resolution nomination of Board of Director – Chris Rapstine, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
18. Discuss and action on leasing of EMS building. Mayor Nick Ball let council know EMS building will be leased for \$1200 a month with a \$1200 deposit. Mayor Ball also shared if the building is needed for city business the contract states the tenant will have 60-day notice. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the leasing of EMS building and lease agreement, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
19. Discuss and possible action for Plains Internet contract. Council received new four-year contract and looked at the old contract. Catarina Stokes suggested she will request 3 free internet services that the city is currently receiving be added to the contract. Ms. Stokes shared current free internet services at pool, fire department and city hall. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the four-year Plains Internet contract with the three free internet services, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
20. Discuss and possible action for cybersecurity. Catarina Stokes shared she and Crystal Fouquet spoke with current IT support and felt Plains Internet was overselling on services needed. Ms. Stokes feels confident that current IT support is good to go. Ms. Fouquet shared there are services offered through TML riskpool as well. No action taken.
21. Approval for Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) mutual aid agreement. Ray Pipes made the motion for first approval for Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) mutual aid agreement, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 5-0.
22. Continued discussion on rural volunteer fire department assistance program funding (grant). Brad Britten shared received 3 quotes for new truck. Mr. Britten let council know the average is for a 2500 gallon pumper with a 1500 gallon per minute pump at \$547,400 with Government Capital being the loaner for that manufacturer. Mr. Britten added if a financed at 5.8% across ten years would be \$72,901.26 (annual) or fifteen years at

5.72% at \$55,335.22 (annual). Mr. Britten proceeded to share would have to purchase the truck first, before the grant is released and shared that process. Dylan Ball and Crystal Fouquet requests city not go into debt for a new truck. Council requested specifications of the truck Mr. Britten is looking at. Mr. Ball added there are other city needs and example infrastructure that needs attention as well. Ms. Fouquet added that council just approved City Strategy Committee and perhaps something that could be looked at from their findings. Fire department requested to look at the quote's council received. Fire department also requested a number that council is willing to spend. Catarina Stokes added that January would be first budget review for fiscal year.

23. Council member comments. Crystal Fouquet asked for the status on road repair around the school. Dylan Ball asked why the black fire hydrant is fenced in by the water tower. Lyn Owens asked about the status of the code enforcement letters sent in September. Ray Pipes let council know he had been on a turnaround the last couple of months and it happens every 2 to 3 years.
24. Mayor Comments. No Mayor comments.
25. Set meeting date. Ray Pipes made the motion to set the next council meeting date for December 15th, 2025, at 6 p.m., seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
26. Adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Ray Pipes made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes