

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
December 15th, 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: Cindy Walton, Jacob Clifton, Cuyler McAnally, Troy Fulton, Jesse Parks, Phillip Hefner

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 Summer Kelly.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Summer Kelly 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. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dylan Ball, motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Comments. John Ingle requested council look into city water well contracts.
7. Discussion with City Attorney on City bank accounts and donations. Mayor Nick Ball shared with council he invited City Attorney, Kerry Tilley, to be present at the council meeting for insight on who should be on signature card for bank accounts using City EIN. Mr. Tilley shared City representative needed to be on all bank accounts using the City EIN, this would help with compliance, transparency and protection for each department. Mr. Tilley noted White Deer Volunteer Fire Department has 3 bank accounts, and City Council "controls" the purse. Mr. Tilley noted further it is state law, statutory, and legal responsibility for City to be on accounts. Mayor Ball asked if having the Mayor and City Secretary on signature cards enough to be in compliance. Mr. Tilley stated yes would satisfy compliance. Mr. Tilley further recommended one main general account and the other accounts using the City's EIN be closed and funds moved to general account. Council agreed it would be better to see what is going on in all accounts. Mr. Tilley shared he could help create an ordinance for this update. Mr. Tilley agreed with council

- that a policy will be needed to show that donations for departments need to go through the City, because departments like the Fire Department are not a nonprofit organization.
8. Possible action on bank accounts. No action taken at this time.
 9. Accounts payable. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of December as presented, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
 10. Reports. (a) Utility report. Anthony Scott gave utility report. (b) EMS report. Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (c). Fire Department report. Troy Fulton gave fire report. Crystal Fouquet shared with council and community that council has been approached and asked if White Deer Volunteer Fire Department is taking calls and runs with trucks having no water and no gas in the vehicle. (d) CDC report. No report at this time. (e) Code Enforcement. No report at this time.
 11. 2nd approval to update plumbing ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS ADOPTING CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING. Crystal Fouquet made the motion for second approval to update plumbing ordinance, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
 12. 2ND approval for a senior citizen discount for water and sewer utility bill: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISCOUNT; FINDING COMMUNITY BENEFIT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE. Dylan Ball made the motion for 2nd approval for senior citizen discount for water and sewer utility bill, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
 13. 2nd approval for Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) Mutual Aid Agreement: A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PANHANDLE REGION (TEXAS STATE PLANNING REGION 1) REGIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATING THE MAYOR TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS AGREEMENT. Ray Pipes made the motion for 2nd approval for Panhandle Region (Texas State Planning Region 1) Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.

14. Discuss and possible action for utility laborer. Mayor Nick Ball and Anthony Scott shared the need for a third full-time utility laborer. Mayor Ball added that it will be helpful with on-call rotation as well. Council agrees a third full-time laborer is needed. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve hiring a third full-time utility laborer, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
15. Discuss and possible action on baseball concession building. Mayor Nick Ball shared with council the hope to donate the baseball concession building to the ISD. Mayor Ball shared Head coach is open to the idea, however, would need to present to ISD board to see if willing to take over the building and responsibilities. No action taken at this time.
16. Council member comments. Summer Kelly requested the TML link for cybersecurity. Dylan Ball asked if the last order of street signs was received. Mayor Nick Ball noted yes, and the utility department placed them out. Mr. Ball also noticed the accounts receivable were more than anticipated and the loss from his budget predictions would be about \$10,000. Crystal Fouquet suggested perhaps people who do have leaks, could present the office with receipt of having a professional plumber to show as proof there had been a leak, and possible reimbursement.
17. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball shared City Secretary had something to share. Catarina Stokes shared that beginning January 14, 2026, through February 13th, 2026, citizens will be able to file to be on the 2026 election.
18. Set meeting date. Next meeting date is set for January 5th, 2026, at 6 p.m. for budget review.
19. Adjourn meeting at 7:23 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Crystal Fouquet made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes