

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF WHITE DEER**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Catarina Stokes

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Cindy Walton

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 Crystal Fouquet.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Summer Kelly, 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 Summer Kelly, motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Comments. Brad Britten spoke as a citizen as a volunteer for the White Deer Volunteer Fire Department. He requests council look at what the emergency services will look like for White Deer.
7. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS (“CITY”) RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF WEST TEXAS GAS UTILITY, LLC, TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE “ALLIANCE OF WEST TEXAS GAS COMPANY MUNICIPALITIES;” REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Nick Ball shared all municipalities have been requested to approve the resolution to extend the effective date for the rate increase from WTG. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026, A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS (“CITY”) RESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION OF WEST TEXAS GAS UTILITY, LLC,

TO INCREASE RATES UNDER THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "ALLIANCE OF WEST TEXAS GAS COMPANY MUNICIPALITIES;" REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.

8. 3rd 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 third approval to update plumbing ordinance, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
9. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget review. Mayor Nick Ball and Catarina Stokes went over 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget review with council.
10. Council member comments. Dylan Ball shared Canadian River Water Municipal Authority (CRWMA) running through 3 miles north of town, and perhaps a thought of a possible back up for White Deer. Mr. Ball wanted to share with council before he began researching and talking with CRWMA representatives. Mr. Ball is also curious how and when a transition of Fire Department to a 501(c)3 would work. Mayor Nick Ball and Ray Pipes said perhaps at end of the fiscal year, because it is process to go through the steps. Crystal Fouquet shared she will be talking with Kirk Kelp about contracts and pricing to help city guys with work like digging. Ms. Fouquet said she no longer owns Red Rock Mesa Construction and will also meet with that company for pricing as well. Ms. Fouquet also reached out to White Deer Youth Association and the organization is open to receiving the old baseball park, concession stand, and baseball cage; and have in the contract can show that if the organization dissolves it would come back to the City. Ms. Fouquet also asked when City Strategy Committee will begin. Ms. Stokes shared she has not heard anything as of yet.
11. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball asked Catarina Stokes to share about the sewer averaging and senior discount. Ms. Stokes shared that with current system can only enter one sewer averaging rate code, however when new system goes live, will be able to enter senior discount rate code with sewer averaging.
12. Set meeting date. Next meeting date is set for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6 p.m.

13. Adjourn meeting at 7:38 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Ray Pipes made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Nick Ball

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City Secretary Catarina Stokes