

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
January 19th, 2026

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Nick Ball (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes

GUESTS PRESENT: Cindy Walton, Jacob Clifton, Cuyler McAnally, Tyrell Lashmet, David Dees, Terry Sargent, Nelson Britten, Troy Fulton, Jesse Parks, Dean Wheeler, John Homen, Dustin Reynolds, Vicki Ramming, Shane Chaney, James Kane

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. With a quorum present Mayor Pro Tem Dylan Ball called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.
3. The invocation was given by Lyn Owens.
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 Crystal Fouquet, motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Comments. John Homen shared there have been mistruths in the community and requests council to share facts and clear things up.
7. Discussion with White Deer Volunteer Fire Department. Brad Britten, shared fire department has requested an executive session but has not been granted. Mr. Britten shared in December meeting city attorney did suggest fire department could become a 501(c)3. ESD 2 attorney replied yes that is true. Mr. Britten requests time to speak with an attorney that deals with 501(c)3 and ESD law. Fire Department shared they do not want to see the fire department go to another taxing entity. Mayor Pro Tem Dylan Ball shared there have not been any formal meetings, until today. Mayor Pro Tem Ball added city has reached out to the city attorney for the legal steps of fire department becoming a nonprofit. Ray Pipes asked what the fire department wanted. Mr. Britten, shared fire department has voted to become 501(c)3. Mayor Nick Ball said it's only been recently that council heard fire department would like to become nonprofit, is this what the fire

department wants whether get equipment or not? Mr. Britten replied yes fire department would like to become nonprofit no matter the decision, however, equipment is preferred. Mr. Britten is hoping to have a town hall meeting with community.

8. Discussion with ESD 2. ESD 2 attorney replied to questions Mayor Nick Ball had. New truck grant and equipment can be transferred to ESD 2. ESD 2 attorney added will work on contract with the city. Cuyler McAnally shared a statement with council: “The Emergency Services District remains fully committed to protecting the Cities of White Deer, Skellytown and Groom and other unincorporated areas of the district and serving the taxpayers within the district who voted for professional and reliable emergency services. Our goal is, and always has been, to ensure that the citizens of White Deer receive the highest level of fire protection and emergency response possible. Whether that service is provided through a partnership with the City of White Deer, the White Deer Volunteer Fire Department, or through other means, the ESD is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to the community. We value cooperation, transparency, and collaboration, and we are dedicated to working in good faith with all parties involved to achieve a solution that best serves the residents of the district. Above all, the ESD exists to provide professional emergency services the voters approved of, and we will continue to do so to the best of our ability and within our legal authority”.
9. Reports. (a) Utility report. (b) EMS report. Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (c). Fire Department report. Brad Britten gave the FD report. (d) CDC report. No report at this time. (e) Code Enforcement. Catarina Stokes shared Code Inspector has started this week and will be at the next meeting.
10. 2ND APPROVAL FOR 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. Summer Kelly made the motion for 2nd approval for Resolution No.01-2026, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 5-0.
11. Discuss and action on employee handbook. Mayor Nick Ball requested an update to the employee handbook that those who are on-call on holidays shall be granted time off at a later date be removed, because the on-call employee already gets paid that day. Those

employees who have collected “holiday time,” will get paid that time collected so far at end of fiscal year 2026, or if they request or use before. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the removal of the statement: “Employees who are required to work or be “on-call” on holidays shall be granted time off at a later date, to be determined between the employee and the department head,” seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 5-0.

12. Call for May 2nd 2026 municipal election. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve the call for May 2nd 2026 municipal election, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
13. Appointment of election judges. Catarina Stokes shared with council Jordan McAnally and Denise Salzbrenner agreed to be election judges. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the appointment of election judges, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
14. Accounts payable. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of January as presented, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
15. Council member comments. Dylan Ball spoke with CRMWA. CRMWA is looking at a start date of 2036-2038. Mr. Ball added he will reach out again in a few months to get city on the agenda and give city time to save funds for the project. Crystal Fouquet will send rates from the contractors she spoke with to city secretary. K&K told Ms. Fouquet they would be willing to match the other contractor rates. It was also suggested to Ms. Fouquet that the city charge those who need to use the baseball concession.
16. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball shared signed contract with Advanced Water Well Technologies and City is on the list for the Santa Fe well. Mayor Ball also asked council if they would recommend getting another part-time laborer. Council suggested using one of the contractors that have a quote from.
17. Set meeting date. Next meeting date is set for February 23rd, 2026, at 6 p.m. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve next meeting date for February 23rd, 2026, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
18. Adjourn meeting at 7:43 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Crystal Fouquet made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned.