

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF WHITE DEER**  
**February 23rd, 2026**

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Ray Pipes

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Catarina Stokes, Rayleigh Gaines, Chelsie Parsley

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Cindy Walton, Jacob Clifton, Cuyler McAnally, Tyrell Lashmet, David Dees, Nelson Britten, Troy Fulton, Jesse Parks, Carolyn Wheeler, John Homen, Dustin Reynolds, Vicki Ramming, James Kane, Josh Cook, Tanya Stead, Brad Britten, Brent Stephens, Phillip Hefner, Justin Burdine

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 Mayor Nick Ball.
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 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, motion carried 4-0.
6. Public Comments. No public comments.
7. Discussion with ESD 1. President of ESD 1, Brent Stephens, shared a presentation with council. Mr. Stephens shared ESD 1 coverage and possible upgrades needed for the White Deer EMS building.
8. Action for Hemphill County Hospital District EMS contract amendment. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the amended contract with Hemphill County Hospital District EMS with a contractual end date of September 30, 2026, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
9. Possible action on White Deer Volunteer Fire Department request to become 501(c)3. Mayor Nick Ball shared with council and community, per City Attorney's suggestion

council should not take action on White Deer Volunteer Fire Department request to become 501(c)3. No action taken.

10. Discussion regarding City Attorney's responses to council inquiries. Mayor Nick Ball read aloud questions and answers from City Attorney. Mayor Nick Ball shared council is unable to approve Fire Department becoming a non-profit organization. Mayor Ball shared it is not permissible for city funds to help the Fire Department with start up costs to become a non-profit organization. Mayor Ball shared city funds cannot be used for the attorney costs for Fire Department to become a non-profit organization. And Mayor Ball shared Fire Department is unable to utilize City Attorney to ask questions and or ask for guidance.
11. Reports. (a) Utility report. Mayor Nick Ball shared new utility laborer has begun working and will be working on obtaining his water license. Mayor Ball noted City work at Swift Apartments is complete and the guys are now working on the Maple Project. (b) EMS report. Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (c). Fire Department report. Brad Britten gave the FD report. Council asked Mr. Britten a few questions: what happened at County Rd V and leaving the scene when out of water, is WDVFD volunteers getting along with SKVFD volunteers, and are radios working or not being answered, and what entails an in-house disciplinary response. Mayor Ball added via email on November 19, 2025, he requested a fire incident report from the Horn property incident and is still waiting to receive. (d) CDC report. Tanya Stead shared CDC approval requests from their January 2026 meeting. (e) Code Enforcement. Chelsie Parsley gave code enforcement report. Ms. Parsley shared she has 3 properties that have not done the requested enforcement work and will be working on getting warrants for the city to do the work.
12. Action to update excavation and right-of-way ordinance. Chelsie Parsley shared the ordinance update would allow a licensed plumber to be allowed to excavate in alley with a permit from city hall. Lyn Owens made the motion to approve to update the excavation and right-of-way ordinance, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
13. Action to update weeds, tall grass, and property maintenance ordinance. Chelsie Parsley stated the ordinance update will add curb care to the ordinance and added more detail on alley care. Council suggested adding how much feet from curb is part of the curb care. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve to update the weeds, tall grass, and property maintenance ordinance, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.

14. Action to update ordinance 102: regulating the parking and storage of vehicles on unimproved surfaces. Mayor Nick Ball shared this is more toward vehicles on property. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve updating ordinance 102: regulating the parking and storage of vehicles on unimproved surfaces, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
15. Action for Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for professional services contract amendment. Mayor Nick Ball shared this is an amendment updating the start date from December 2025 to January 2026. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for professional services contract amendment, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
16. White Deer CDC approval for Kandy Bolding White Deer pride flag Main St project. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the White Deer CDC approval for Kandy Bolding White Deer pride flag Main St project for \$2,993.60, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
17. White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Youth Association concrete for batting cages. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Youth Association concrete for batting cages for \$6,300.00, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
18. White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Youth Association football equipment and repairs. Tanya Stead requested approval wait. Dylan Ball made the motion to table the White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Youth Association football equipment and repairs for \$1,200.00, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
19. White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Riding Club rodeo entertainment. Crystal made the motion for first approval for the White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Riding Club rodeo entertainment for \$15,000.00, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
20. White Deer CDC approval for Green Plains Design RV Park fencing. Dylan Ball made the motion for first approval for the White Deer CDC approval for Green Plains Design RV Park fencing for \$10,000.00, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
21. Discussion and action for hiring grant writer. Crystal Fouquet shared she attended the Texas Water Development Board Webinar. Ms. Fouquet shared HB500 would be beneficial to the city, however a grant writer and help with the application will be needed. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the hiring grant writer, seconded by Dylan, all for, motion carried 4-0.

22. Discussion and possible action for baseball concession building. Mayor Nick Ball shared he hoped ISD or WDYA would want the baseball concession building. Mayor Ball added next step is to simply add a fee for using the building to help with maintenance and repairs. Mayor Ball suggested \$100.00 deposit and \$100.00 rental for each day that it is rented, and that deposit will be returned each time when cleaned and key returned to city hall. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the \$100.00 deposit and \$100 rental for baseball concession building, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.
23. Approval to close Fire Department and ESD bank accounts. Mayor Nick Ball shared fire department had 3 accounts. Mayor Ball noted accounts will be closed and transferred to their fire department fund account within the general fund account. Mayor Nick Ball and Catarina Stokes shared the ESD accounts as a separate bank account are unnecessary, but they do need to be a separate line item in the general ledger accounting program. ESD 2 President, Cuyler McAnally, suggested he check with the ESD 2 attorney to be sure it is allowable. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to close the 3 fire department accounts and transfer to their fund account within the general fund and to table the closing of the ESD 1 and 2 bank accounts, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
24. Action on Technology, Security and Law general fund accounting accounts. Catarina Stokes suggested transferring the funds in these general ledger accounts elsewhere, because there has been no action in them for a few years. Summer Kelly made the motion to transfer the Technology, Security and Law general fund accounting accounts be transferred to Other Revenues in the general fund general ledger account, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
25. Accounts payable. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of February as presented, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
26. Executive session – Gov Code Personnel Matters 551.074. Mayor Nick Ball made the motion to go into executive session at 8:21 p.m.
27. Executive session – Gov Code Personnel Matters 551.074 made the motion to go into executive session at 8:28 p.m. The council came out of executive session at 9:10 p.m.
28. Council member comments. Crystal Fouquet said she will be sending City Secretary the contractor rates and information that she had gathered. Dylan Ball stated he will look into possible pricing fees for the excavation and right-of-way ordinance for areas that are caliche or asphalt. Lyn Owens added he likes the work the new Code Inspector is doing.

29. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball shared he and Catarina Stokes attended the Carson County Commissioner Court meeting to request contracting with county for Marshal in city of White Deer. Mayor Ball added County will be getting more information and that County suggested partnering with ISD to share costs.
30. Set meeting date. Next meeting date is set for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 6 p.m. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve next meeting date for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
31. Adjourn meeting at 9:24 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Lyn Owens made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Nick Ball

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City Secretary Catarina Stokes