

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
March 23rd, 2026

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Chelsie Parsley

GUESTS PRESENT: Mike Short, Tonya Homen, Carolyn Wheeler, Troy Fulton, Jesse Parks, Dustin Reynolds, Erik Winters, Jacob Clifton, James Kane, Cuyler McAnally, Krystin Dees, Josh Cook, Cindy Walton, Trent Taylor, Vicki Ramming, Shane Chaney, Brent Stephens

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 Dylan Ball.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Ray Pipes 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. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Comments. No public comments.
7. Reports. (a) Utility report. Mayor Nick Ball gave utility report (b) EMS report. Jacob Clifton gave the EMS report. (c). Fire Department report. Jesse Parks gave the FD report. Mr. Parks also shared they applied and granted to become a 501(c)3 by the state and have received their EIN number. Mr. Parks shared concerns between council and fire department. Mayor Nick Ball shared suggestions for the non-profit transition or staying a city department. Mayor Ball noted that under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Fire Department, as a city-operated department, is subject to the authority of the City Council and does not have independent authority to hold executive sessions. All meetings should remain open to the public unless conducted by a properly posted governmental body in accordance with state law. The Mayor also noted his authority to attend department meetings. (d) CDC report. No report. (e) Code Enforcement. Chelsie Parsley gave code enforcement report. Mayor Nick Ball asked if anything need is needed for the department,

Ms. Parsley suggested a scanner, a cage for caught animals to put on the back of the truck, and more animal traps. Council all shared, Ms. Parsley, is doing a great job.

8. Discuss and possible action to hire independent investigator. Mayor Nick Ball shared that Council has been made aware of a matter involving the fire department that needs further review. Mayor Ball requested that “the City Council authorize the Mayor, in consultation with the City Attorney, to select and engage an independent investigator or investigative firm, to be retained under the direction of the City Attorney for the purpose of assisting in providing legal advice to the City regarding fire department operations and related personnel matters, with findings and recommendations to be reported to the City Council.” Summer Kelly made the motion to hire an independent investigator, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
9. Action to adjust fire department expense accounts. Catarina Stokes, shared Brad Britten has requested a few expense line items be adjusted to other expense line items, to match fire department and city accounting ledgers. Dylan Ball made the motion to adjust fire department expense accounts, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
10. White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Youth Association football equipment and repairs. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Youth Association football equipment and repairs for \$1,200.00, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
11. White Deer CDC 2nd approval for White Deer Riding Club rodeo entertainment. Summer Kelly made the motion for second approval for the White Deer CDC approval for White Deer Riding Club rodeo entertainment for \$15,000.00, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
12. White Deer CDC 2nd approval for Green Plains Design RV Park fencing. Ray Pipes made the motion for second approval for the White Deer CDC approval for Green Plains Design RV Park fencing for \$10,000.00, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 5-0.
13. Possible action on the White Deer Cemetery. Johnny Freeman shared the only income the cemetery receives is through donations. Mr. Freeman requested the City to donate the cost of water for the cemetery. Ray Pipes made the motion to donate cost of water for the White Deer Cemetery, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
14. Discuss and action for an ordinance regarding junk, trash, and debris. Chelsie Parsley let council know, the city does not currently have an ordinance regarding junk, trash, and debris on property. An ordinance will help send violations and will give Code Inspector

help. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve an ordinance regarding junk, trash, and debris, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.

15. 2nd approval to update excavation and right-of-way ordinance. Dylan Ball suggested pricing be per square foot and for Utility Superintendent to approve location. Dylan Ball made the motion for 2nd approval to update the excavation and right-of-way ordinance, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
16. 2nd approval to update weeds, tall grass, and property maintenance ordinance. Ray Pipes made the motion for 2nd approval to update the weeds, tall grass, and property maintenance ordinance, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 5-0.
17. 2nd approval to update ordinance 102: regulating the parking and storage of vehicles on unimproved surfaces. 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 5-0.
18. Approval to close ESD 1 and ESD 2 bank accounts. Mayor Nick Ball 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. Mayor Ball shared it has been confirmed with ESD attorney that it is in compliance to do so. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to close ESD 1 and ESD 2 bank accounts, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
19. Motion to approve the amended order of election for the May 2nd, 2026 General Election. Catarina Stokes stated Secretary of State has deemed no early voting on April 21st, 2026 because it is San Jacinto Day, a state holiday. Dylan Ball the motion to approve the amended order of election for the May 2nd, 2026 General Election, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 5-0.
20. Motion to approve the amended order of election for the May 2nd, 2026 General Election to be Joint Election with White Deer Independent School District. Catarina Stokes shared ISD must partner with county or city. Ms. Stokes shared costs will be shared with ISD paying 70%, and city paying 30%. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve the amended order of election for the May 2nd, 2026 General Election to be Joint Election with White Deer Independent School District, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
21. Accounts payable. Ray Pipes made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of March as presented, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 5-0.
22. Council member comments. Crystal Fouquet shared she would like to address a comment from Nelson Britten. Ms. Fouquet stated yes she has been speaking with

Cuyler McAnally, president of ESD 2, and will continue to do as city learns the steps going forward. Ms. Fouquet asked Mr. McAnally would ESD 2 requests a contract with the City or the 501(c)3 was the reply. Dylan Ball asked Brent Stephens what the coverage from Groom is along the I-40. Mr. Stephens shared about 15 miles both ways. Mr. Ball asked Mr. Stephens about Gray County costs coming from ESD 1. Ray Pipes noted the big picture with emergency services is helping people.

23. Mayor Comments. Mayor Nick Ball shared he is hoping for a contract with the Sheriff Department and will check in with Sherriff Terry or request to be on agenda for the County. Mayor Ball noted the new software, Ampstun has been implemented for accounting this month. Mayor Ball noted he has reached to a surveyor for the concession and old baseball field and the City is on the list. Mayor Ball added currently having some difficulty with the employee city uniform supplier.
24. Set meeting date. Next meeting date is set for April 20th, 2026, at 6 p.m. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve next meeting date for April 20th, 2026, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 5-0.
25. Adjourn meeting at 7:19 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 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes