

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF WHITE DEER**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Summer Kelly

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Catarina Stokes

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Justice Stokes, Cindy Walton, Nelson Britten, Carolyn Wheeler, Cuyler McAnally, Dustin Reynolds, Mindy Gollihugh, Jacob Clifton, Brad Britten, Josh Cook, Tonya Homen, James Kane, Ranea Kane, Krystin Dees

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. With a canvassing quorum present Mayor Nick Ball called the meeting to order.
2. Conduct Canvass of Returns of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, General Election and consider and take action to adopt the resolution declaring official results. Mayor Nick Ball read the resolution: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS; CANVASSING THE ELECTION RETURNS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF WHITE DEER, TEXAS ON MAY 2, 2026. Mayor Ball read the results: Lyn Owens received 129 votes, Crystal Fouquet received 90 votes, and Carolyn Wheeler received 83 votes. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the official election results, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 2-0.
3. Administration of oaths of office to newly elected Council Members Lyn Owens and Crystal Fouquet by City Secretary and issuance of certificates of election. Catarina Stokes administered statement of oaths for Lyn Owens and Crystal Fouquet. Ms. Stokes notarized statements for official record.  
*With quorum present Mayor Nick Ball continued meeting.*
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.
5. The invocation was given by Crystal Fouquet.
6. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
7. Approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Lyn Owens made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Ray Pipes, motion carried 4-0.

8. Public Comments. No public comments.
9. Review and elect new Mayor Pro Tempore. Council discussed who should be Mayor Pro Tem. Dylan Ball made the motion to approve Lyn Owens as Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 4-0.
10. Discussion and possible action for Kick Back Day Mobile Food Vendor permits. Mindy Gollihugh requested from council to not charge mobile food vendors for Kickback Day. Ms. Gollihugh also asked if the decision made today be the decision for every year. Ray Pipes made the motion to waive the mobile food vendor permit fees for Kickback Day, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
11. Consideration and possible action to adopt city flag. Justice Stokes shared with council the idea of having a city flag. Mr. Stokes showed council flag images he and his classmate created, all have the white deer to represent the tale of the white deer seen in the area; the oil pumpjack to show the roots of the city's beginnings; and the cross as symbol of the city's founding roots. Mayor Nick Ball and council suggest opening to the community for suggestions before making decision and to put a message on social media and city website to help spread the word. No action taken.
12. Discuss responsibility of Fire Department Relief payments to retired Fire Department members. Mayor Nick Ball shared currently Fire Department has funded the relief account. Nelson Britten let council know Carson County ESD No. 2 would not be able to cover the cost. Mr. Britten shared it is \$3600.00 annually paid right now for the current retired members. Council suggested City can carry on the relief payments for the current 7 retired members receiving payments, but for the perk to continue the Fire Department 501(c)3 or Carson County ESD No. 2 would need to pay future fire department retired members. Council suggest City Secretary keeps detailed records for future secretaries to know council's decision and to track who is to be paid. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the decision of only paying the current 7 retired Fire Department members the relief checks, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
13. Possible action on establishing a clear timeline for transitioning White Deer Volunteer Fire Department from City department to 501(c)3. Brad Britten and Cuyler McAnally shared it will be easier to transition end of fiscal year. September 30, 2026, will be last day White Deer Volunteer Fire Department will be a department of the City. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve the transition of the White Deer Volunteer Fire Department from City department to 501(c)3 as of September 30, 2026, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 4-0.

14. Discussion with Carson County Emergency Services District No. 2 (ESD No. 2) Funds and Contract. Cuyler McAnally said ESD No. 2 attorney will start working on interlocal agreement with the City to begin October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and will need to know Fire Department budget and where spending has been spent.
15. Discuss the transfer of funds from the Fire Department fund to the Attorney fees fund. Brad Britten asked for an update on the amount. Mayor Nick Ball announced unknown at this time and will let Fire Department know an amount when known.
16. Discuss and possible action for sanitation services for White Deer Volunteer Fire Department volunteers. Mayor Nick Ball noted that currently Fire Department volunteers do not pay for trash services for their home. Council noted volunteers at food pantry or school board do not get free sanitation, fire department should pay trash and tax going forward. Fire Department volunteers will begin paying trash and tax at the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2026. Council suggests current retired Fire Department members who are receiving free trash and tax will continue receiving, they will be “grandfathered in.” Crystal Fouquet made the motion to continue sanitation services for current Fire Department volunteers until September 30, 2026 and grandfather in the current retired Fire Department volunteers receiving free sanitation services, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
17. Consideration and possible action on donation of Fire Department equipment and facilities to Carson County Emergency Services District No. 2 (ESD No. 2). Cuyler McAnally let council know Carson County ESD No. 2 will need an inventory listing to start agreement process and the transfer of deeds. Ray Pipes made the motion to donate Fire Department equipment and facilities to Carson County ESD No. 2, seconded by Dylan Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.
18. Consideration and possible action on transfer of funds from Fire Department fund to Carson County Emergency Services District No. 2 (ESD No.2) to be set aside for White Deer Volunteer Fire Department. Cuyler McAnally and council talked of transferring remaining fire department funds to ESD No. 2 at the end of fiscal year. Council discussed fire department using their funds instead of being reverted into City general fund. Mr. McAnally explained the ESD has budgeted \$150,000 for the Fire Department for the fiscal year, and any unspent ESD No. 2 designated funds should be transferred back to ESD No. 2. Council and Brad Britten noted the grant will be needed to be addressed and more information is needed for the grant transferal process. Council suggest this line item

be added to August meeting to finalize numbers for transparency for City, Fire Department and ESD No. 2. No action taken.

19. Discussion and possible action on cost of utilities and services for Carson County Emergency Services District No. 2 (ESD No. 2). Catarina Stokes shared estimated costs of services City pays for Fire Department Station. Dylan Ball made the motion to only continue coverage for City-owned utilities for Carson County ESD No. 2 starting October 1, 2026, seconded by Ray Pipes, all for, motion carried 4-0.
20. Discussion and possible action to allow for unlimited use of City water, free of charge, during emergency incidents and declared disaster situations. Cuyler McAnally let council know the response is needed for the interlocal agreement. Crystal Fouquet made the motion to approve Carson County ESD No. 2 unlimited use of City water, free of charge, during emergency incidents and declared disaster situations, seconded by Lyn Owens, all for, motion carried 4-0.
21. Discussion and possible action for 2026 pool season. Catarina Stokes shared we have a pool manager applicant that can work 4 days a week, and an assistant that can 2 days to allow pool to open 6 days a week. Mayor Nick Ball stated he wanted to be transparent with what is going on. Council let Mayor Ball know they will support his decision. Mayor Ball is willing to give this set up a good try. No action needed.
22. Council Member comments. Dylan Ball requests a meeting with the Texas A&M Forest Service. Mr. Ball also noted he has been contacted by a citizen with concerns on the house that was burned off Horn last October. Mayor Nick Ball let everyone know cannot use City funds for the cleanup. Mayor Ball added if Code Inspector enforces the house the process would ultimately still place all costs on the homeowner. Mr. Ball would like code inspector to see if City can condemn the house.
23. Mayor comments. No comments.
24. Adjourn meeting at 7:52 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.

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Mayor Nick Ball

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City Secretary Catarina Stokes