

**MINUTES-Draft**  
**CITY OF WHITE DEER**  
**November 18th, 2024**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, Summer Kelly, Randy Barrett, Crystal Fouquet

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Catarina Stokes, Jack Dupy, Anthony Scott, Kassie Heagen

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Derryl Wyatt, Nelson Britten, Troy Fulton, Vicki Ramming, Shane Chaney, James Robert McCown, Ray Pipes, John Ingle, Lorraine Williams, Alana Sirmans, Josh Sirmans, Anita Demarest, Kelsey Estes, Dean Wheeler, Josh Cook, Sara Chapman, Chip Parker, Ed Hillman, Diahana Hillman, Rich Pettis, Steve Raus, Mariah Chaney-Burdine, Justin Burdine, Rex Chaney

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. With a quorum present Mayor Pro Tem 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 Pro Tem Nick Ball.
4. Approve the agenda for the meeting. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Randy Barrett, all for, motion carried 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes for the previous meeting. Randy Barrett made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Comments from concerned citizens. John Ingle requested to move council meetings to Senior Citizens building, because there is more space. Josh Sirmans addresses their sewer issues, detailing the ongoing problems they have had with backups and ineffective cleaning. Anthony Scott requests definitive procedures for addressing such problems. Mr. Watson asked if City Hall is not able to registration tags? Summer Kelly explained that the Tax Assessor is not allowing White Deer City Hall to do registration currently. But after some time, the tax assessor will reconsider and will provide training when she does allow. Chip Parker announced he is interested in the Marshall position.
7. Begin discussion for special election with City Attorney. Mr. Kerry Tilley said that we have

two vacancies and that in most instances would require a special election. However, the City of White Deer Council and Mayoral terms are two years. Because the 2 open positions would be open in May 2025, City of White Deer will not need to hold a Special Election at this time.

8. EMS Presentation. Ray Pipes spoke in behalf of EMS. EMS is currently looking into applying with Emergency Services District for funding. Ray explained the process of going to a vote. Until it is approved, EMS will still need help with funding from the City. EMS proposes need \$4000 a week to cover payroll to allow the Director to work 4 days on and 3 days off.

9. Review and propose a new water bulk rate price increase. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball recommends table the agenda item, until a letter is sent out to the non-residents who would be impacted. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to table the agenda item for further review, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

10. Review and Discuss Municipal Judge. Jack Dupy informed the council that having a Municipal Judge allows funds earned to stay in the City. Otherwise, funds earned would go to the county.

11. Review and approve the hiring of a new IT company for City Hall. Crystal Fouquet and Catarina Stokes shared what they learned from IT about possible security issues and vulnerability. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve IT for City Hall, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

12. Discuss New Law Enforcement Officer Options. Jack Dupy requests the possible new law enforcement be voted on at the next City election. Jack also updated council on interested candidates and their expectations.

13. Accounts payable. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve accounts payable, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.

14. Review, revise, and finalize 2024-2025 budget. Keeping budget in its current state and will review and amend in January 2025.

15. Reports that were given were reviewed. (a) Utility. Anthony Scott noted to be in compliance with Emergency Preparedness plan, the City needs a generator. (b) EMS. None. (c) Fire Department. Nelson Britten informed council Fire Department will be looking for a couple of trucks in December and also new hoses. (d.) CDC Report. None. (e) Code Enforcement. Jack

Dupy will continue finishing signs as much as the budget allows.

paid. (f) Mayor Pro Tem comments. Bryer's will begin road repairs after Thanksgiving. Mayor Pro Tem also requests a workshop, to look more into grants and funding opportunities as a group. (g) Council Member Summer Kelly asked for an update from the haunted house fundraiser. Nelson Britten said profit was about \$1000.

16. Set the next special meeting date. Crystal Fouquet made motion for the next Council Meeting to be scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., and seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

17. Adjourn meeting at 8:53 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Summer Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

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City Secretary Catarina Stokes