

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
December 16th, 2024

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Kassie Heagen, Jack Dupy

GUESTS PRESENT: Troy Fulton, Ray Pipes, John Ingle, Dean Wheeler, Ed Hillman, Diahana Hillman, Mariah Burdine, James Kane, Karla Kotara, Brandie Hefner, Grady Milton, Vicki Ramming, Shane Chaney, Nelson Britten, Brad Britten, Erik Winters, Drew Watson, Jacob Clifton, Rich Hinkel, Fermin Ramirez

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 Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.
5. Approve the minutes for the previous meeting. Summer Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Comments from concerned citizens. Citizen residing on Main Street requested reserved parking options. Vicki Ramming replied that State of TX does not allow "reserved parking" on public highway. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball mentioned City will investigate the situation.
7. Audit proposal for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Fermin Ramirez with CMMS CPA's & Advisors PLLC presented the council with the 2023 Financial Audit Statement. Randy Barrett made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
8. EMS presentation and budget proposal. Ray Pipes presented final EMS budget for council consideration at \$236,825.00. Brad Britten gave update on ESD. Explained it would need to be on May ballot for citizens to vote for ESD.

9. Accounts payable. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to approve the accounts payable for the month of December as presented, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

10. Reports. (a) Utility. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball gave highlights. (b) EMS report given by Kassie Heagen. (c) Fire Department report given by Brad Britten. (d) EDC no report. (e) Code Enforcement report given by Jack Dupy. (f) Mayor Pro Tem requested report from Catarina Stokes on TML training and IRS transparency. Mayor Pro Tem noted there will be volunteers helping to look for grants for the City. (g) Council Member Comments. Crystal Fouquet requested more information from Hemphill County and EMS.

11. Set meeting date. Summer Kelly made motion to set next Council Meeting date for January 20, 2025 at 6 p.m at the Community Center, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0.

12. Adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Crystal Fouquet made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball, all for, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick requested an Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes