

MINUTES
CITY OF WHITE DEER
February 3, 2025

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Catarina Stokes, Jack Dupy

GUESTS PRESENT: Carolyn Wheeler, Dean Wheeler, Craig Urbanczyk, Lorrain Williams, John Ingle, Amber Adams, Thomas Adams, Daniel Mooney, Tamie Armstrong, Dusty Armstrong, Greg Radina, Jeremy Jones, Ginger Ball, Jacob Clifton, Robert Germany, Vicki Ramming, Shane 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 Randel Barrett.
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. Randel Barrett made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.
6. Hemphill County Hospital District EMS Director, Jacob Clifton, gave report on how services were going thus far.
7. Craig Urbanczyk spoke on the Maple housing development that is currently under way.
8. Comments from concerned citizens. Carolyn Wheeler informed the council city website is down and TML website information is incorrect. Dean Wheeler requested to know why he was denied being on the agenda.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball announced Public Hearing about the ESD for EMS and Fire Department.
10. Approve Hemphill County Hospital District EMS Contract. Summer Kelly made the motion to table the approval of the contract pending city attorney review and approval, seconded by

Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

11. Discussion of investment policy. Crystal Fouquet and Catarina Stokes spoke of information and procedures needed to start an investment policy for the city.

12. Discuss 501(c)(3) with WD EMS. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball read a report from Kassie Heagen. Summer Kelly made the motion to table further discussion, seconded by Crystal Fouquet, all for, motion carried 4-0.

13. Order of Election and Approval for May 3rd, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to order and approve May 3rd, 2025, election, seconded by Summer Kelly, all for, motion carried 4-0.

14. Council member comments. Crystal Fouquet talked of UpAhead as possible informational system. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball discussed what was learned over a zoom meeting with the UpAhead vendor. Crystal Fouquet also asked about siren testing and road repairs. Mayor Pro Tem replied will request siren testing and that repairs are not done just yet. Crystal Fouquet requested the city secretary to let TML know payroll is less. Catarina Stokes replied she was told to wait until receiving Hemphill County Hospital District contract first and then audit payroll listing. Mayor Pro Tem spoke of companies who would like to purchase the city's ambulances.

15. Mayor Pro Tem comments. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball replied to questions and comments asked during the "concerned citizen comments" section. Also, updated public that final past IRS payments from before 2021 were paid and final paperwork sent as well. It is Mayor Pro Tem's hope to see City of White Deer grow and be better.

16. Executive session – Gov Code 551.074. Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball made the motion to go into executive session at 6:40 p.m. The council came out of executive session at 8:32 p.m.

17. Set next meeting. Next meeting date was set for February 17th, 2025, at 6 p.m.

8. Adjourn meeting at 8:34 p.m. There being no further business on the agenda, Summer Kelly made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randel Barrett, all for, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro Tem Nick Ball

City Secretary Catarina Stokes