

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

OCTOBER 14, 2019

Members present were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Matt Myer and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Williamson & Carl Pennington

Visitor: Forrest White, Paul King, Dorothy Wilson, Tony McKnight, Stacey McKnight, Dennis Jacobs, Vivian Warren, Wes Phoebus, Mark DeRouville and Sean Sanders.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Robert Kalka led the Invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Matt Myer approving minutes of regular meeting September 23, 2019 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. Forrest White addressed the council regarding W. Oldham needing the broken culvert repaired, the brush being cleaned up on the edges of the road and the entire road needing to be repaved.

The council asked Mr. Pennington to take a look at what needs to be repaired on W. Oldham and that the city secretary contact Pct. 2 commissioner Steve Norton with a Interlocal Agreement to make the needed repairs.

Paul King with TRWA presented the council with a rate study for the Water and Sewer system. Mr. Kings study showed that the block rates for the utility department needed to be refigured and the base usage needed to be raised from water \$20.81 to 25.75 and sewer \$19.04 to \$24.75 to make the water and sewer system maintain themselves.

The council selected to table voting on a rate increase until the October 21, 2019 special meeting. At the special meeting the council will discuss the rates in greater detail.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka selecting Donnie Carver to represent the southern part of Cherokee County on the Cherokee County Appraisal Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Matt Myer and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to advertise for a new city attorney. Voting "AYE" Councilmember Myer and Petty. Voting "NAY" Councilmember Kalka and Alexander. Mayor Williams voted "NAY" breaking the tie. If the council wants to revisit this item it will need to be done when all councilmembers are present. City attorney Flournoy will be invited to come speak to the council in a special meeting to be set in the near future. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to pay the city bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The September 2019 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were discussed. No action taken as this is a discussion item only.

Dorothy Wilson spoke to the council about the city planning for the future. The city planner for Diboll will be coming to speak with councilmember Myer and city secretary Pounds next week.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer - Carl Pennington reported that the chlorination system is running good after the repairs were made.

The sewer plant is running again, Luft Wurks has sent a pretty large bill and Mr. Pennington is questioning some of the charges. The old motor has been taken to the chop to be repaired. The clarifier will be repaired this coming week. The arm for the rake at the bottom of the clarifier will have to be rebuilt. Everything seems to be working properly to reduce the sludge on the bottom of the racetrack.

Police Department: Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support.

Type of Call	TOTALS
Assisted Cherokee County	5
Arrest	13
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	19
Traffic Stops	257
Citations Issued	266

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty for the police department to purchase a 2018 Tahoe for patrol until 4. Motion carried unanimously.

VFD - Robert Kalka

EMS – October Report	12 calls, 29 man-hours 9 Inside City Limits 3 In County 12 Training hours	41 Total Man Hours
FIRE - October Report	5 calls, 24 man-hours 300 gallons of water used 16 Training 0 gallons of water used	40 Total Man Hours 300 Total Water Used

City secretary, Melanie Williamson: There were 5 customers with \$100.00 Nonpayment customers in the month of October.

The council asked for more quotes on long and short term disability insurance. TML requires the city to pay for this coverage. The city council would like to see how much it will cost for the employees to pay for their own long and short term disability coverage. This motion has been tabled for the November meeting.

The council requests that the Mayor call a special meeting for October 21, 2019 to review the water and sewer rate, the city ordinance and the city mitigation plan.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 11/11/2019 SIGNATURES ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY