

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024
CALL TO ORDER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McKnight called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

a) ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Members present at the Special Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, and Kayla White. Robert Kalka was not in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

b) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Mayor Tony McKnight presented the invitation for the council meeting and Councilmember Billie Petty presented the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

c) APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2024.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to approve September 16, 2024, special meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

d) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

(THIS TIME IS RESERVED FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ISSUE) SIGN-IN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING; THE TIME FOR SPEAKING IS THREE (3) MINUTES; THE SUBJECT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ON THE AGENDA.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged that no visitors were in attendance or signed up to speak.

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Council should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Council should be held or is required about any item included in this notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Council concerning any subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.089 of the Open Meetings Act.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ARPA GRANT FUNDING FOR PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT OF CITY STAFF EXPENSES.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-9 authorizing the use of ARPA grant funding for payroll reimbursement of city staff expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REVIEW AND ADOPT BURN BAN ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10; TO COMBINE ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND AMENDMENTS WITH THE SAME NAME.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the adoption of the Burn Ban Ordinance NO. 2024-10 to replace all other ordinances concerning a Burn Ban. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

a) WATER DEPARTMENT – ROY SHANKS

The water plant and sewer plant are running well.

Consolidated Tank will start working on the elevated tank for the repairs needed. Two major water leaks were repaired in the month of September. The council asked Roy to get a price on getting the outside of the elevated tank and the standpipe painted. The council asked Roy to patch the pothole located on E 4th Street.

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF HAROLD RAPSILVER Chief Harold Rapsilver was not in attendance; the monthly report was given to the council.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	17
Traffic Stops	421
Citations Issued	473
Warnings Issued	39

c) VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS – ASSISTANT CHIEF ROBERT KALKA

Not in attendance.

d) CITY SECRETARY – MELANIE POUNDS

SEPTEMBER 2024	
TOTALS	
27	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
7	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
4	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
3	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to approve the payment of monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REVIEW SEPTEMBER 2024 BUDGET COMPARISON GENERAL AND WATER AND SEWER

The council members reviewed the budget. This is a discussion item only.

8. ADJOURN.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.