

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

OCTOBER 9, 2023

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds, and Roy Shanks.

Visitor(s): Wes Matchett and Darlene Kirkland

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

Councilmember Gordon Cole led the invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged and welcomed visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. No one signed up to speak at the meeting.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 11, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve submitting Jerod “Jed” Morris’ name to the Cherokee County Appraisal District board member election. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion, and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a motion that the Wells VFD property deed, deeming that if the Wells VFD disbands the property will be deeded to the Wells Development Corporation. The Wells VFD cannot be considered tax free unless the deed is conveyed to another 501(c)3 corporation. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to pay the monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

The city council reviewed the September 2023 budget summary; this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

Roy let the council know that all a new service was installed on Homer Rd.

He is working on catching up on installing personal shut-off valves and pulling meters.

Roy has been working on road patching and mowing grass and weeds.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support; he was not in attendance; the city secretary gave the council the chief’s report.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	14
Traffic Stops	344
Citations Issued	414

VFD – Kelly Collins, Fire Chief, and Robert Kalka, Assistant Chief Robert Kalka.

	September 2013	Totals
EMS Report	9 calls – 7 City Limits & 2 County 18 Man-Hours 0 Training Man-Hours	18 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	6 calls - 3 City Limit & 3 County 32 Man-Hours 4,000 gallons of water used. 0 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	32 man-hours in total 4,000 gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Five (5) customers did not pay for the month resulting in the \$100.00 non-payment fee being added to their accounts.

One (1) customer received a \$50.00 partial payment fee.

Two customers were disconnected for nonpayment.

Twenty-Seven (27) customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

The meeting convened from the executive session at 7:21 pm and reconvened from the executive session at 7:43 pm to discuss employee evaluations.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion, and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second was made to require Roy Shanks to reevaluate Damien Blackburn in 6 months and present the evaluation to the council for consideration of a pay raise. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary