

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Members present at the Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Clint Smith, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Carl Pennington, Chief Harold Rapsilver, and Roy Shanks.

Visitor: Julie McKnight, Clayton Vickers, Ameri-Tex Service, Inc., and Gene Kennon, Republic Services.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged the visitors; no one had signed up to speak.

Clayton Vickers, Ameri-Tex Service, Inc., presented the council with his trash service presentation. A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and a second by Councilmember Clint Smith to table this agenda item. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and a second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to award all seven votes to Billie Petty for the Cherokee County Board Election. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and a second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to approve the 2021 Tax Levy from Cherokee County Appraisal District. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and a second by Councilmember Billie Petty to leave the light poles in the park and look into purchasing new lights for the park. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty and a second by Councilmember Clint Smith to table the drainage culvert repair on West Fourth Street until Mayor McKnight can get additional bids. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the General and Water Sewer Budgets. No action was taken.

The city council convened to executive session at 7:43 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 8:14 pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to give all employees a cost of living raise of 3%. Voting "AYE" Councilmember Alexander, Kalka, and Smith; Voting "NAY" Councilmember Cole; Voting to "Abstain" Councilmember Petty. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator: The plants are both running great.

The utility department repaired two water leaks, one Shut off valve was installed, several water meters were replaced in the month of October.

One sewer leak was repaired on Manor Loop; one new sewer tap was installed on Mitchell St. All three aerators are installed at the sewer plant; the bar screen has been installed; Roy is planning on having everything running correctly by the end of November.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief: Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that the traffic was heavier for the month. The annual Halloween Hot Dog cooked out had a great crowd serving around 100 adults and children.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	3
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	4
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	15
Traffic Stops	234
Citations Issued	357

VFD - Robert Kalka, Chief: Chief Kalka.

EMS Report	11 calls, 10 Man-hours 10 Inside City Limits 1 In County 0 Training hours	10 Total Man-hours
FIRE Report	3 call, 20 Man-hours 300 gallons - water used 2 Inside City Limits 1 In County 300 Training hours 300 gallons - water used	32 Total Man-hours 600 Total Water Used

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: Twelve (12) customers received the \$100.00 Non-payment, One (1) customer received the \$50.00 partial payment fee, and no water meters were turned off for non-payment in October.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary

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