

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tony McKnight called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

a) ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

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

Councilmember Gordon Cole gave the invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

b) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

Mayor Tony McKnight welcomed the visitor and acknowledged the visitors signed up to speak. Visitor(s): No Visitors in attendance signed up to speak.

b) APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2024.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2024, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN SURVEY REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE DEPOT BUILDING.

This was a discussion item only, out of 385 customers, 21 customers returned the survey to city hall concerning the future of the Depot building.

4. DISCUSS AND ACTION CALLING FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OR SALE OF THE DEPOT BUILDING.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to table this item until the December council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - WATER/SEWER. POLICE, EMS/FIRE, CITY HALL

WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The department is working on mowing, orders and finishing mowing for the year.

Consolidated Tank has started the repairs on the elevated tank floor. Roy is getting a quote to paint the outside of the elevated tank.

On October 1, 2024, TCEQ conducted their 3-year water inspection. Kevin Glanton advised Roy that our water is showing that it is very corrosive, and he suggested we get Simply Aquatics to help with this issue.

The department repaired two water leaks on E Sixth Street. All of the water lines inside the Water Plant need to be replaced.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

Chief Harold Rapsilver was not in attendance, the monthly report was given to the council.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	3
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	18
Traffic Stops	344
Citations Issued	387
Warnings Issued	8

VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS - Fire Chief Assistant Chief Robert Kalka.

SEPTEMBER 2024				TOTALS		
EMS REPORT	CALLS		TYPE OF CALL		31	Man-Hours
	4		2	City Limits		
			2	County		
	9		Man-Hours			
12		Training Hours				
CALLS				TOTALS		
VFD REPORT	CALLS		TYPE OF CALL		34	Man-Hours
	4		3	City Limits		
			1	County		
	9		Man-Hours			
	500		Gallons of Water Used		500	Gallons of Water Used
22		Training Hours				
0		Gallons of Water Used				

OCTOBER 2024				TOTALS		
EMS REPORT	CALLS		TYPE OF CALL		15	Man-Hours
	2		1	City Limits		
			1	County		
	15		Man-Hours			
0		Training Hours				
CALLS				TOTALS		
VFD REPORT	CALLS		TYPE OF CALL		94	Man-Hours
	9		2	City Limits		
			7	County		
	62		Man-Hours			
	9,000		Gallons of Water Used		9,000	Gallons of Water Used
32		Training Hours				
0		Gallons of Water Used				

CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

OCTOBER 2024	
TOTALS	
17	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
6	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
0	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
2	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

6. CONVENE TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

MAYOR MCKNIGHT – LEGAL: (GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071)

PERSONNEL: (GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074)

REAL ESTATE: (GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072)

The council did not convene to executive sessions this month. Motion tabled.

7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to pay the monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REVIEW OCTOBER COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER SEWER.

The city council reviewed the October 2024 budget summary. This item is a discussion only item.

9. ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary