

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Harold Rapsilver and Roy Shanks.

Visitor(s): Amanda Doss

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

Councilmember Kayla White led the invocation and Councilmember Robert Kalka 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.

City secretary Melanie Pounds presented the council with the 2023 Tax Levy from the Cherokee County Appraisal District.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve casting the six allotted votes for the Cherokee County Appraisal District Board of Trustees for Jethro "Jed" Morris. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second accepting petition for Local Option Election to legalize sale of beer and wine. A petition for local option election to legalize "The legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only" was filed with City Secretary Melanie Pounds on November 8, 2023, and accepted. All signatures were reviewed by the City Secretary for verification that the signers were registered voters in the city limits of Wells, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

The agenda item to hire a code enforcement officer was tabled for the next meeting.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion, and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion to have Warren Rd surveyed to find the city ROW and street width. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

The meeting convened from the executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss a police and water personnel issue and reconvened from the executive session at 7:52 pm. No action was taken in the executive session portion of the meeting.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

Roy let the council know that TCEQ came for the 5-year sewer plant inspection, and everything went well. Roy will work on burying the above ground sewer lines at the sewer plant.

The utility department is working on catching up on installing personal shut-off valves and pulling meters and will do the last mowing for the season and road patching.

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	12
Traffic Stops	233
Citations Issued	277

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

	October 2023	Totals
EMS Report	8 calls – 5 City Limits & 3 County 28 Man-Hours 40 Training Man-Hours	68 18 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	5 calls - 3 City Limit & 2 County 28 Man-Hours 300 gallons of water used. 32 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	60 man-hours in total 300 gallons of water in total

Assistant Chief Robert Kalka let the council know that the EMS will need a new heart monitor and to have the brake system on the EMS unit serviced.

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Eleven (11) 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.

No customers were disconnected for nonpayment.

Two (2) customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary