

Members present were Tony McKnight, Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, and Robert Kalka. Clint Smith was not in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Carl Pennington, Steve Cooper, Roy Shanks, and Amanda Latham

Visitor: Stacy McKnight, Amanda Doss, Kevin Brockington, and Tanner Trudeau.

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

Tony McKnight led the Invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Kalka welcomed the visitors. Kevin Brockington and Tanner Trudeau addressed the council regarding a water tap needed on the property located on Forest Road. The property must be subdivided before any more water taps are allowed on the property. The ordinance went into effect in February 2020. The mobile home was moved onto the property in December 2020. A hold was put in on water meters in January 2020 until the city comes into TCEQ compliance for the city's number of meters. Mr. Brockington never established service with an \$800.00 tap fee. Once the property owner subdivides the property, then a water tap will be able to be installed.

City Secretary Melanie Pounds presented the council with the 2020 Election Vote Canvas.

#### **Candidates**

<b>a. Tony McKnight, Mayor</b>	<b>Total of Votes Received: 164</b>
<b>b. Robert Kalka, Councilmember</b>	<b>Total of Votes Received: 96</b>
<b>c. Darlene Kirkland, Councilmember</b>	<b>Total of Votes Received: 63</b>
<b>d. Eva Alexander, Councilmember</b>	<b>Total of Votes Received: 74</b>
<b>e. Billie Petty, Councilmember</b>	<b>Total of Votes Received: 77</b>

City Secretary Melanie Pounds presented the elected officials with their Certificate of Election; Statements of Election were signed; and the Oath of Office was given to Mayor Tony McKnight, incumbent Councilmembers Eva Alexander, Robert Kalka, and Billie Petty.

Mayor McKnight asked for pro-tem nominations. Councilmember Eva Alexander made nominations to appoint Robert Kalka as mayor pro-tem. Mayor McKnight asked for a second nomination for Robert Kalka. Councilmember Billie Petty gave a second for Robert Kalka. Councilmember Robert Kalka was nominated as mayor pro-tem. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Eva Alexander approving minutes of regular meeting October 12, 2020, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty nominating Commercial Bank of Texas as the City of Wells Official Depository, changing signature cards to reflect the removal of C. W. Williams as an approved signer and add Tony McKnight as an approved signer. Robert Kalka and Melanie Williamson will remain as approved signers. Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to designate the Cherokeean Herald as the city publishing newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving the 2020 tax roll as submitted by Cherokee County Appraisal District. The tax roll shows a projected collection of \$81,679.48 for the 2020 tax year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Klaka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to table the Golf Cart Ordinance requested by Councilmember Clint Smith until the December 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The October 2020 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were discussed. No action was taken as this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

**Water and Sewer** - Carl Pennington and Roy Shanks presented the council with the utility system reports.

Both plants are running well. A new chlorine scale is needed at the sewer plant and will be ordered this week. Roy Shanks is almost ready to test for his license, Mr. Pennington has dropped his contact fee down to the minimum, Roy is taking care of the daily reports, and Carl is not having to be here every day. The sewer plant grant work will start at the first of the year, and the new rake will be sent off to be galvanized as soon as it is completely rebuilt.

**Police Department:** Chief Harold Rapsilver was not able to attend the meeting; Officer Steve Cooper presented the council with the police department reports.

The police department served 126 hotdogs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween event. The community turned out and had a great time.

The council would like to discuss another full-time officer at the December 2020 council meeting.

Type of Call	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	3
Traffic Arrest	17
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	15
Traffic Stops	232
Citations Issued	264

**VFD** - Robert Kalka

EMS - October Report	14 calls, 26 man-hours 0 Training hours	26 Total Man-hours
FIRE - October Report	8 calls, 41 man-hours 3,100 gallons of water used 0 Training hours 0 gallons of water used	41 Total Man-hours 3,100 Total water Used

**City secretary, Melanie Williamson:** Reported that city employees moved 46 trash cans for October; three \$100.00 non-payment fees and Two \$50.00 non-payment fees were applied to unpaid utility accounts.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka, and a second was made by Councilmember Billie Petty approving adjourning the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED 12/14/2020, SIGNATURE LOCATED IN SECRETARY'S OFFICE