

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tony McKnight called the meeting 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, Celestino Molina, Roy Shanks and Carl Pennington.

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

Councilmember Mayor Tony McKnight 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): Gene Cannon, Republic Services. No Visitors signed up to speak.

b) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2024.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for December 9, 2024, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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

a) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The department is working on road patching; they are waiting for the weather to warm up.

Roy will order oil sand and grindings for the road work.

b) 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	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	19
Traffic Stops	291
Citations Issued	333
Warnings Issued	20

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

DECEMBER 2024				TOTALS		
EMS REPORT	CALLS		TYPE OF CALL		42	Man-Hours
	9	6	City Limits			
		3	County			
	26	Man-Hours				
16	Training Hours					

	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		TOTALS	
VFD REPORT	3	2	City Limits	51	Man-Hours
		5	County		
	23	Man-Hours		600	Gallons of Water Used
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	28	Training Hours			
0	Gallons of Water Used				

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

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

4. 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.

5. ACTION CALLING FOR OBTAINING QUOTES TO REFURBISHMENT THE DEPOT BUILDING.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to run and ad is the Cherokeean Hearld to obtain quotes for repairing the Depot Building. The motion carried. Voting “AYE” Councilmember Kalak, Petty, Alexander, Cole. Voting “NAY” Councilmember White.

6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR DECEMBER.

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

7. REVIEW DECEMBER BUDGET COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER & SEWER.

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

6. ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary