

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

JANUARY 9, 2023

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

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

Visitor(s): No Visitors

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

Mayor Tony McKnight lead the invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and a second was made by Councilmember Billie Petty, approving the minutes of the special meeting held on December 12, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting convened from the executive session at 7:04 pm and reconvened from the executive session at 7:22 pm. No action was to be taken from the executive session portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty, and a second was made by Councilmember Clint Smith to approve the payment of monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

Roy Shanks addresses the council regarding the water plant freezing up due to a heat bulb lowing out. This problem caused a city-wide boil water notice to be issued.

No one lost water during the freeze, the water was reaching the customers slowly.

The panel at the water well on Warner Rd went out on New years and we had to use the old well on Homer Road.

The water lines froze at the sewer plant, we have fixed all the lines but one and will get that one fixes this coming week.

Roy has been approved to take his test for his water license and is getting ready to take the TCEQ for his sewer license.

The council asked Roy to replace the speed limit pole on E Oldham/Warner Rd. The current poles to short.

Turn on the side-by-side governor and let the employees know that driving fast and recklessly driving needs to stop.

Start painting the fire hydrants orange with black caps as soon as the weather warms up.

Create a 2023 outline of jobs that are planned for the water/sewer department.

Get prices on the equipment needed for smoke testing so that we can stop the infiltration that we have on our sewer lines.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. The chief reported that traffic was lighter in the month of December and there were no reported accidents.

Robert Kalka thanked the chief for his help with the Homer Rd fire.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	1
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	8
Traffic Stops	208
Citations Issued	252

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

The Wells Volunteer Fire Department had one structure fire inside the city limits on Homer Rd. The Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department no longer investigates arson unless there is a death or injury. The State Fire Marshall had to be called in to investigate.

	December Calls	Totals
EMS Report	7 calls - 6 City Limits / 1 County 36 Man-Hours 0 Training Man-Hours	48 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	4 calls - 2 City Limits / 2 County 32 Man-Hours 5,800 gallons of water used. 16 Training Man-Hours 300 gallons of water used.	48 man-hours in total 5,800 gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: There were no meter disconnections in the month of December.

The council asked the secretary to contact city attorney Robert Flournoy about donating the old van that is at the sewer plant to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty and a second was made by Councilmember Clint Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED 2/13/2023; SIGNED MINUTES LOCATED AT CITY HALL.