

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

APRIL 8, 2024

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

Visitor(s): None

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

Tony McKnight led the invocation and Councilmember Billy Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the visitor and is on the agenda to speak.

Councilmember Kayle White made a motion, and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the March 11, 2024, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Michael Parks with Edward, Griffith Jr. and associates presented the council with a new plat subdivision for Tanner Trudeau's parcel of land located at 344 Forest Rd (Parcel ID: 115035000) and 126 Preston Rd (Parcel ID: 109893000). The subdivision plat presented will separate the property located at 344 Forest Rd (Parcel ID: 115035000) into Lot 1 and Lot 2 is already established with utilities and the property located at 126 Preston Rd (Parcel ID: 109893000) will separate into Lot 3 designated for the private cemetery with no water, Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, Lot 7 is already established with utilities and Lot 8 and Lot 9 is already established with utilities. Mr. Trudeau will be billed for the water, sewer and any road bore taps that are needed for each lot as needed. Councilmember Robert Kalak was not in attendance at the time of this agenda item. Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to pay the monthly bills. Voting "AYE" for the item were Councilmember Cole and White, Voting "NAY" for the item were Councilmember Alexander and Petty. Mayor Tony McKnight voted "AYE" to break the tie vote. The motion carried.

Convened to executive session at 7:27 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss city owned real estate with city attorney Robert Flournoy. Mayor McKnight reconvened from the Executive Sessions portion of the meeting at 8:00 pm. At the direction of city attorney Robert Flournoy, Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander request that Mayor McKnight and city secretary to request a letter from the city attorney regarding the deed for the Annie Mae Henson property. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to table the agenda item for Feet GPS. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The department is working on filling potholes and mowing the city rights-of-way.

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	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	16
Traffic Stops	295
Citations Issued	355

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

MARCH 2024		Totals
EMS Report	6 Calls – 4 City Limits & 2 County 11 Man-Hours 10 Training Man-Hours	28 - man-hours in total
FIRE Report	2 call - 0 City Limit & 2 County 4 Man-Hours 500 gallons of water used. 26 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	30 - man-hours in total 500 - gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

There were nine (9) \$100.00 non-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of March.

No \$50.00 partial-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of March.

No (0) customers were disconnected for non-payment in January.

No customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to publish in the Cherokeean Herald an advertisement for hiring an engineer for the CLFRF TDEM Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to allow the donation of a 1961 Fire Truck to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST

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City Secretary