

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Tony McKnight called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

a) ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Members present at the Special Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, Robert Kalka, Kayla White.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

b) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the visitor and acknowledged the visitors signed up to speak.

Visitor(s): Wes Matchett

Speaking Visitor(s): Leo Holley.

Leo Holley signed up to address the council. Mr. Holley asked to discuss Consolidated Communications discontinuing the cable service in the City of Wells. Mr. Holley specifically wanted to know if any other company would be providing citizens with internet service. The council discussed that Consolidated Communications would still provide internet service to citizens and Spectrum Gulf Coast is working on installing fiber Optic Internet services in the city limits.

c) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 8, 2024.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to approve the April 8, 2024, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS.

City secretary Melanie Pounds administered the oath of office to the Mayor Tony McKnight and Councilmembers Billie Petty, Kayla White and Robert Kalka.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR AND APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Mayor McKnight requested nominations for the Mayor Pro-Tem position.

Councilmember Billie Petty nominated Councilmember Gordon Cole; no other nominations were made. Mayor McKnight called for a vote. Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayal White made a second to accept the nomination of Gordon Cole as the mayor Pro-Tem for 2024-2025. The motion carried. Councilmember Godson Cole abstained from voting.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE ELECTION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-513.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving the adoption of Election Ordinance No. 2024-513. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DESIGNATION OF COMMERCIAL BANK AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving Commercial Bank of Texas as the city official depository for the City of Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

7. DESIGNATION OF CHEROKEEAN HERALD AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2024-2205.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Gordon Cole approving Cherokeean Herald as the city official newspaper for the City of Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – WATER/SEWER. POLICE, EMS/FIRE, CITY HALL

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The chlorination manifold is being replaced at the water plant.

Consolidated Tank is coming to fix the leak at the elevated tank and replace the rusty bolts on the ground storage tank. Mayor only wants stainless steel bolts to be used.

The department replaced five stop signs in the city limits.

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	3
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	18
Traffic Stops	370
Citations Issued	430
Warnings Issued	25

Volunteer Fire and EMS - Fire Chief, and Assistant Chief Robert Kalka.

APRIL 2024		Totals
EMS Report	10 Calls – 5 City Limits & 5 County 36 Man-Hours 15 Training Man-Hours	51 - man-hours in total
FIRE Report	3 call - 2 City Limit & 1 County 22 Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used. 34 Training Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used.	56 - man-hours in total 500 - gallons of water used

City Secretary - Melanie Pounds:

There were ten (10) \$100.00 non-payment fees to unpaid accounts in the month of April.

One (1) \$50.00 partial-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of April.

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

One (1) customer received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

9. CONVENED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ANN REAL ESTATE: (GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072) AND LEGAL: GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071) – START TIME 7:21 P.M.

RECONVENE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO TAKE ACTION RELATED TO THE DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. END TIME 7:40 P.M.

- a. ATTORNEY LETTER ANNIE MAE HENSON PROPERTY
- b. LEASING RADIO ANTENNA SPACE ON WATER TOWER
- c. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING RECORDINGS RULE SELECTION

The minutes for the executive session portion of the minutes can be found on the certified minutes attached to the Special Meetings that are approved by the city council.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVE TMRS RETIREMENT 20-YEAR RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY ORDINANCE.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to adopt the TMRS Retirement Ordinance No. 2024-05, describing the retirement period for employees 20 years of service. The motion carried unanimously.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS.

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

12. REVIEW APRIL BUDGET COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER & SEWER.

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

13. ADJOURN.

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 8:20 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary