

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

MAY 8, 2023

Members present at the Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billy Petty, Clint Smith, Gordon Cole, and Robert Kalka. Councilmember Eva Alexander was not in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, and Chief Harold Rapsilver.

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

Councilmember Gordon Cole led the invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 10, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged that there were no visitors attending the council meeting.

City secretary Melanie Pounds administered the oath of office to councilmembers Clint Smith, and Gordon Cole. The Oath of Office for Eva Alexander will be given at the next council meeting.

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 Smith, Petty, and Kalka voted in favor of Gordon Cole for Mayor Pro-tem. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving the adoption of Election Ordinance No. 2023-1. Motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

The mayor did not choose for the council to go into executive session.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to pay the 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 was not in attendance; Mayor McKnight updated the council that the water plant and sewer plant were both running well. There were not any major problems in the month of April.

### Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	8
Traffic Stops	441
Citations Issued	357

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

	April Calls	Totals
EMS Report	7 calls – 7 City Limits/0 County 26 Man-Hours 0 Training Man-Hours	26 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	4 calls - 3 City Limit/1 County 30 Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used. 12 Training Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used.	42 man-hours in total 0 gallons of water in total

### City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Eight (8) customers should have paid for the month resulting in the \$100.00 non-payment fee being applied to their account. One (1) customer received a \$50.00 partial payment fee. No customers were disconnected.

Four (4) customers received the ROW 48 hours after the trash collection, and these customers received a \$5.00 fee on their next water bill.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary