

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

MAY 16, 2022

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds and Chief Harold Rapsilver.

Visitors: Wes Matchett, Josiah Myer, and Matt Myer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Wes Matchett led the invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Robert Kalk approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged the visitors; Matt Myer signed up to address the city council. Mr. Myer advised that, in his opinion, the council violated the open meeting act at the February 14, 2022 council meeting by discussing the development of West Frank Edge in the executive session and not in the open meeting. A letter detailing Mr. Myers' opinion of the meeting violations was turned into city hall on February 25, 2022, with no reply or action made by the city council to correct their actions. Mr. Myer let the council know that he has filed a criminal charge against the council with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and County Attorney's Office for what he believes are violations of the Texas Open Meeting Act.

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

Mayor McKnight requested nominations for the mayor pro-tem position. Councilmember Billie Petty nominated Councilmember Gordon Cole. Councilmember Alexander, Petty, and Kalka voted for Gordon Cole for Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmember Gordon Cole was nominated to the Mayor Pro-tem position for the 2022-2023 Council year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Gordon Cole approving the adoption of Election Ordinance No. 2022-1. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving Commercial Bank of Texas as the city's official depository for the City of Wells. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Convene to executive session at 7:15 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel-All Department, Real Estate-W. Frank Edge Development and Legal-Open Records Request.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 7:31 pm for action relative to the discussion in the executive session. This was a discussion only, and no minutes from the executive session were filed

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator: The plants are both running great.

Roy Shanks was not in attendance for the meeting. Mayor McKnight let the council know that everything in the plants was running well. The leak on the water tower will need to be addressed, and Roy is waiting for the contractor to return to the state around the end of May to address the issues.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief: Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that the traffic was average for the month.

Chief Rapsilver will travel to Portland, Washington, to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer with 24,000 miles for \$18,500.00.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	1
Assisted Angelina County	1
Assist Alto Police Department	1
Assist Texas DPS	1
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	7
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	7
Traffic Stops	210
Citations Issued	250

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

	March Calls	April Calls	Totals
EMS Report	4 calls, 28 Man-hours 1 Inside City Limits 3 In County 0 Training hours	6 calls, 22 Man-hours 1 Inside City Limits 3 In County 0 Training hours	March - 28 Total Man-hours April - 22 Total Man-hours
FIRE Report	10 call, 64 Man-hours 2,500 gallons - water used 4 Inside City Limits 6 In County 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	8 call, 26 Man-hours 1,000 gallons - water used 2 Inside City Limits 6 In County 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	March - 64 Total Man-hours 2,500 gallons water used April - 26 Total Man-hours 1,000 gallons water used

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: Thirteen (13) customers received the \$100.00 nonpayment fees in the month of April; Five (5) customers were disconnected for nonpayment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary