

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY
OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

JUNE 8, 2020

Members present at the Regular Meeting were C. W. Williams, Clint Smith, Eva Alexander, and Robert Kalka. Billie Petty and Matt Myer weren't in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Williamson and Chief Rapsilver

Visitor: Royce Williams, Wayne Cook, Tony McKnight, and Stacey McKnight.

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

Mayor Williams established a quorum with 3 council members present and 2 council members, not in attendance.

Robert Kalka led the Invocation and Councilmember Eva Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving minutes with corrections of the regular meeting March 9, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith approving minutes of special meeting April 16, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. Royce Williams addressed the council to request that he be exempt from the new subdivision ordinance that went in to effect in February 2020. He stated that his property was established before the ordinance and he should be grandfathered. Wayne Cook spoke to the council asking that his meters be located on his newly acquired property. He is wanting to pay the base rate charges to keep all meters on the property. Mr. Cook also asked the council to exempt Mr. Williams from the subdivision requirements. Councilmember Smith asked that the council place this item on the next agenda so that it can be looked at again.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to take no action on the PUC price indexing. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka requested approval from the council to allow the Wells Interfaith Food Pantry to install a driveway down the side of the water well so that the can hand out food more efficiently. A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving the driveway for the Wells Interfaith Food Pantry. Carl Pennington will determine the best location. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The March-May 2020 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were discussed. No action taken as this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Carl Pennington, Operator

Was not in attendance and will present to the council at the July meeting.

Police Department: Chief Harold Rapsilver, Chief

The chief thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that the traffic was average for the month. The speeders have picked up but there were no vehicle accidents in March, April, May, or June.

Type of Call	TOTALS
Assisted Cherokee County	1
Arrest (traffic)	3
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	12
Traffic Stops	140
Citations Issued	145

VFD - Robert Kalka, Fire Chief

Chief Kalka didn't present his reports to the council. He will present the report at the July meeting.

EMS – February Report	0 calls, 0 man-hours 0 Inside City Limits 0 In County 0 Training hours	0 Total Man Hours
FIRE – February Report	0 calls, 0 man-hours 0 gallons - water used 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	0 Total Man Hours 0 Gallons of Water Used

City secretary, Melanie Pounds: For March, April and May the city did not turn any meters off not charge the \$100.00 nonpayment fee. This is due to COVID-19 and the recommendation from the PUC. Starting June 1, 2020, the city will go back to following the rules and regulations that are established.

The city secretary updated the council regarding the ACLU lawsuit against the City of Wells has been dropped. The federal lawsuit against the Wells Police Department has been closed in the cities favor. The plaintiff has the chance to refile in district court on the state portion of the lawsuit. If the plaintiff refiles the state lawsuit TML will represent the city in that lawsuit as well.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 7/13/2020 SIGNATURES ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY