

JULY 10, 2023

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks, and Chief Harold Rapsilver.

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

Mayor Tony McKnight 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 June 12, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting convened from the executive session at 7:04 pm and reconvened from the executive session at 7:34 pm.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to approve a onetime 50% discount on the base rate billing for all customers. This discount lowers the base rate water billing from \$25.81 to \$12.91 and lowers the base rate sewer billing from \$22.04 to \$11.02 and a public notice letter will be sent out with the water bills for the July billing cycle. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Tony McKnight called for nominations of appointment to fill the vacant council seat. Councilmember Billie Petty nominated Kayla White to fill the position of one term to expire on May 4, 2024. Mrs. White has filled out the appropriate paperwork to apply for the councilmember seat vacated by Clint Smith at the June 2023 meeting.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the appointment of Kayla White to the city council. The motion carried unanimously.

City Secretary Melanie Pounds administered the oath of office to Kayla White and Mrs. White took her seat on the council.

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

The city council reviewed the June 2023 budget summary; this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

Roy advised the city council that the work on the ground storage tank is ongoing. The sandblasting will be done, and painting will start next week. Then the sandblasting and painting will start the following week.

They are planning completion date is the last week of July. The heat is making the work slow down because the tank must be at a certain temperature for the paint to adhere to the metal.

The new aerator will ship on July 17, 2023, and will take 3-5 days to be delivered.

Roy purchased a new liquid chlorine pump and issuing 50 gallons of liquid chlorine per day.

The sewer plant is running well with only one problem with a busted pipe that has been repaired.

The boil water notice is now on its 18th day, and we will stay on the boil water notice advisory until the ground storage tank work is complete. This is the only way to make sure that our customers are safe. The lab reports that we have pulled is showing that the water is safe, but the hydrogen sulfide gas (h2s) is still strong due to insufficient aeration and the ground water that we use does not mix well with the liquid chlorine that we are required to use during this tank rehabilitation.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	1
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	11
Traffic Stops	340
Citations Issued	412

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

Robert reported that four volunteers are going to attend EMS School and three volunteers are attending fire school the last week of July.

	June Calls	Totals
EMS Report	13 calls – 11 City Limits/2 County 16 Man-Hours 22 Training Man-Hours	38 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	2 calls - 1 City Limit/1 County 12 Man-Hours 100 gallons of water used. 16 Training Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used.	28 man-hours in total 1000 gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Three (3) customers did not pay for the month resulting in the \$100.00 non-payment fee being added to their accounts. One (1) customer received a \$50.00 partial payment fee.
No customers received a disconnection.

Fourteen (14) customers received the ROW 48 hours after the trash collection, and these customers received a \$5.00 fee on their next water bill.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary