

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

Employees: Melanie Williamson, Carl Pennington, and Chief Rapsilver

Visitor: Deidra Smith, Eli Redd, Royce Williams, and Vivian Warren.

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

Mayor Williams established a quorum with 4 council members present and 2 council members, not in attendance.

Robert Kalka led the Invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving minutes of the regular meeting on July 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. Councilmember Eva Alexander asked for the council to go into executive session to discuss an employee matter.

Convened to executive session at 7:10 p.m. per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss City of Wells Police Chief Harold Rapsilver, Deidra Smith, and Eli Redd signed up to address the city council.

Minutes from the executive session are recorded and are on file in the city secretary's office.

Reconvened from executive session at 7:58 p.m. for action relative to the discussion in executive session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second made by Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion to place all notes and comments from Deidrea Smith and Eli Redd in the Police Department complaint file. Now that the council has been made aware of the citizen's complaints the council will keep an eye on the problem and work with the police chief to correct the problem.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to update the order of election to reflect the date change and times set for early voting. The motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed the 2020 proposed tax rate for the City of Wells, the Voters Approval Rate of \$0.52556 on each one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation. A public hearing will be scheduled for August 25, 2020, @ 6:30 pm for the council to receive questions from the citizens of Wells, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Carl Pennington, Operator

Mr. Pennington was not in attendance for this part of the meeting. He was called away on a water leak. As reported by the city secretary everything in the water and sewer departments has been running good and there have been no major issues in July 2020. The old clarifier has been pulled and taken to Robert Sherrard’s shop to be rebuilt. The new build will be galvanized so that it will hold up to the sewer process.

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 was a one-vehicle accident in July 2020.

Type of Call	TOTALS
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest (traffic)	5
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	10
Traffic Stops	212
Citations Issued	231

VFD - Robert Kalka, Fire Chief

EMS – July Report	7 calls, 36 man-hours 4 Inside City Limits 3 In County 0 Training hours	36 Total Man Hours
FIRE – July Report	6 calls, 22 man-hours 700 gallons - water used 3 Inside City Limits 3 In County 24 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	46 Total Man Hours 700 Gallons of Water Used

City secretary, Melanie Pounds: For July 2020, the city turned off 10 water meters with the \$100.00 nonpayment fee.

The General Fund Budget workshop will be scheduled for August 24, 2020, and if needed August 25, 2020, after the Tax Rate Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.