

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

AUGUST 14, 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, Carl Pennington, and Chief Harold Rapsilver.

Visitor(s): Amanda Doss

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

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

Mayor McKnight acknowledged and welcomed visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. No one signed up to speak at the meeting.

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

A budget workshop date was set for September 9, 2023, at 10:00 am to prepare the 2023-2024 budget.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to propose the 2023 tax rate adoption of the voter-approved tax rate of \$0.44324 on each \$100.00 property valuation. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The city council reviewed the July 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 let the council know that all work had been completed at the water well. The new aerator has been installed; water quality is improving with flushing.

Kevn Glanton with TCEQ came to look at the tank work and pull some samples. TCEQ cleared the city and will let all customers that filed a complaint with TCEQ that we have done everything that was needed to fix the elevated and ground storage tank was done and the boil water notice was followed to keep all customers safe.

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	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	15
Traffic Stops	241
Citations Issued	271

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

	June Calls	Totals
EMS Report	9 calls – 7 City Limits & 2 County 26 Man-Hours 144 Training Man-Hours (4 members attended school)	170 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	4 calls - 4 City Limit & 0 County 8 Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used. 78 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	86 man-hours in total 0 gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Ten (10) 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. Two customers received a disconnection and remain off as of the meeting date.

\$7,791.72 in boil water notice adjustment was given to all customers with usage on their bill for the month of July.

Following section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) and permitted by Sections 551.071-551.089 of the Open Meetings Act the meeting convened to executive session at 7:51 pm and reconvened from the executive session at 8:00 pm. No action was taken in the executive session portion of the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary