

Members present at the Budget Workshop held on August 27, 2022, were Mayor Tony McKnight, Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, and Robert Kalka. Councilmember Clint Smith was not present.

Employees: Melanie Pounds

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

Gordon Cole led the Invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This budget workshop was called to receive the 2022-2023 General & Water Sewer operation budget for the City of Wells.

The effective tax rate is the tax rate necessary to bring in last year's tax revenue at this year's net taxable value for all properties that exist in both years. Using the certified values, Proposed Rate, and Voter Approval Rate, the Council can estimate the need for property tax revenue during the budgeting process. This helps determine the proposed property tax rate for 2022. The tax rates for this year are:

- Proposed Tax Rate: \$0.46258 per \$100
- Voter Approval Tax Rate: \$0.48129 per \$100

The budget and the property tax rate will be adopted at the regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm

A motion by Councilmember Gordon Cole and a second by Councilmember Eva Alexander to raise the employee's pay by the list below. Voting "AYE" Councilmember Cole, Alexander, and Petty. Voting "NAY" Councilmember Kalka. Motion Carried.

10% Pay raise

Secretary - \$1.73 pay raise from \$17.30 to \$19.03

Court Clerk - \$1.15 pay raise from \$11.54 to \$12.69

20% Pay Raise

Chief - \$5.00 pay raise from \$25.00 to \$30.00

19.4% Pay Raise

Officer - \$4.06 pay raise from \$20.94 to \$25.00

A motion by Councilmember Gordon Cole and a second by Councilmember Eva Alexander to make the next pay raises for all employees. Voting "AYE" Councilmember Cole and Alexander. Voting "NAY" Councilmember Kalka and Perry. Mayor McKnight voted "AYE" to break the tie. Motion Carried.

32.4% Pay Raise

Water Helper Level 2 - \$3.67 pay raise from \$11.33 to \$15.00; must sign up for school to get a license.

No pay increase at this time

Water Operator - \$20.60

Water Helper Level 1 - \$11.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and a second by Councilmember Billie Petty to raise the base rate for water from \$23.81 to \$25.81 and not increase the sewer base rate from \$22.04. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary