

BUDGET WORKSHOP  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS  
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024  
10:00 A.M.  
MINUTES

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Tony McKnight called to order at 10:06 a.m.

**2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**a) ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.**

Members present at the Budget Workshop were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander. Gordon Cole, Robert Kalka. Councilmember Kayla White was not present.

Employees: Melanie Pounds.

**3. REVIEW AND ACTION BUDGET ITEMS FOR GENERAL & WATER SEWER 2024-2025.**

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second approving a 3% pay raise. This pay raise will not be given without council approval at an employee attending evaluation. The council will receive the department head's evaluation during a special meeting or executive portion of a regular council meeting. The motion carried. Councilmembers voting "AYE" Kalak, Cole, Alexander. Councilmembers voting "NAY" Petty.

Councilmember Eva Alexander made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to increase the base rate for the water rate from \$39.46 to \$41.46 and the sewer rate from \$22.04 to \$24.04. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to table the water line replacement for May Street until a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDITION.**

Item tabled for a later date; the chief does not need the add on at this time.

**5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PAVING PARKING AREA OWNED BY THE CITY OF WELLS AND LOCATED BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND POST OFFICE.**

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

**6. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REPLACEMENT LINE FOR E FIRST ST, S MAY ST & WARNER RD.**

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

**7. DISCUSS ORDINANCE 2024-8 ROW PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8 ROW Parking Restrictions. Adding that the areas that the signs are needed in will be determined by the Chief of Police before the signs are installed. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED**

- a) Mayor Tony McKnight and the council asked the city secretary to create a survey to mail out to the community expressing the need to sale or have a fund raiser for the Depot. This survey will be presented to the council for approval at the September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting.
- b) Obtain a quote to add a fire hydrant between the library and post office.
- c) Obtain a quote to add a fire hydrant on Manor Loop.
- d) Order and Install children at play signs at the park, the softball field on Warner and baseball field on E 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- e) Obtain the PSI for all customers from Gordon Cole to Robert Kalak and present it to the council.
- f) Place on the September 9, 2024, agenda to change back the speed limit signs to 30 mph zones on E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest Road, and Waren Road.

**9. ADJOURN.**

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

The budget workshop was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary