

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

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

Visitor: Stacey McKnight and Wes Matcherr

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Wes Matchett led the Invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2021, with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak to address the council. None of the visitors signed up to speak at this time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to appoint a three (3) member scoring committee for the CLFR-COVID Recovery Grant. The three (3) member committees will be Councilmember Billie Petty, Clint Amith, and Gordon Cole. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Billie Petty for the CLFR-COVID scoring committee to meet on August 19, 2021, @ 7:00 pm to adopt the grant Resolution and select the grant writing firm to oversee the grant process. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to set the 2021-2022 Budget Workshop for August 21, 2021, @ 10:00 am. If more time is needed, a second Special meeting date will be set for August 24, 2021, @ 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the General and Water Sewer Budgets. No action was taken.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Carl Pennington, Operator: The plants are both running great. The water department installed six (6) Personal shut-offs were installed, One (1) water leak was repaired, One (1) sewer leak was repaired, the fire hydrant at the school and E Fourth St. was moved due to a broken water line under the school driveway. The water department will add a concrete post around the fire hydrant to prevent anyone from hitting it.

The grant work is running smoothly; the coating on the racetrack should be a more straightforward fix than first thought. The electrician has wires running on top of the ground; these will need to be put in conduit and buried. The rotator in the racetrack is making noises and will need to be pulled and repaired. The sludge will need to be removed from the drying beds before it is completely dried.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief: Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that the traffic was heavier for the month. School is getting ready to start, and the Police Department is hoping for a safe school zone this year.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Assisted Angleina County	1
Arrest	3
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	5
Traffic Stops	250
Citations Issued	218

VFD - Robert Kalka, Chief: Chief Kalka.

EMS Report	10 calls, 26 Man-hours 5 Inside City Limits 5 In County 184 Training hours	210 Total Man-hours
FIRE Report	4 calls, 53 Man-hours 2,400 gallons - water used 2 Inside City Limits 2 In County 288 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	341 Total Man-hours 2,400 Total Water Used

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: Ten (10) customers received the \$100.00 Non-payment, and Seven (7) water meters were turned off for non-payment in July.

Tommy Seymore with Calvery Baptist Church requested that the water line for the church to be moved so that the water would not have to be flushed as often. The water department will add a flush valve if possible and start flushing the water line on a schedule.

Convened to executive session at 8:01 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 8:23 pm. No action was taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary

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