

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

SEPTEMBER 11, 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, and Shanks.

Visitor(s): Amanda Doss

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

Mayor Tony McKnight 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 Kayla While made a second to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 14, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the minutes of the budget workshop September 9, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Bille Petty made a motion, and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to approve the 2023-2024 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to adopt a Tax Rate of \$0.044324/\$100 for the 2023 Tax Year. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Bille Petty made a second to approve Tax Ordinance No 2023-2 with the tax rate of \$0.044324/\$100. 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 August 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.

He is working on catching up on installing personal shut-off valves and pulling meters.

Roy has ordered road patching material and will start patching as soon as it is delivered.

Trash got into the screen at the sewer plant and caused a problem with the mud pump, he will get that fixed this week.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support; he was not in attendance; the city secretary gave the council the chief's report.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	11
Traffic Stops	320
Citations Issued	400

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

	August 2023	Totals
EMS Report	13 calls – 9 City Limits & 4 County 36 Man-Hours 12 Training Man-Hours	48 man-hours in total
FIRE Report	13 calls - 4 City Limit & 0 County 98 Man-Hours 5,500 gallons of water used. 8 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	116 man-hours in total 5,500 gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Five (5) customers did not pay for the month resulting in the \$100.00 non-payment fee being added to their accounts.

Two (2) customers received a \$50.00 partial payment fee.

No customers disconnection.

Eighteen (18) customers received a \$5.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

Councilmember Eva Alexander made a motion, and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to approve appealing the Municipal Court of Record Ordinance No. 2006-3 and Ordinance No. 2008-01 appointing Forrest K. Phifer as the Wells Municipal Court judge effective January 1, 2024. The council does not require the City of Wells Municipal Court to be a court of record. The mayor will send the judge a letter requiring him to terminate the judge's employment with the City of Wells. The city secretary will present a new ordinance to the council making the Wells Municipal Court a court of "non-record". The motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary