

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: None.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Bill Petty approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 9, 2021, a special meeting held on August 19, 2021, a budget workshop held on August 21, 2021, and a public hearing held on September 2, 202. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged that there were no visitors and no one had signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and a second by Councilmember Clint Smith adopting the 2021 tax rate of \$0.505270 on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollar Valuation. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 3.56 percent and raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$17.38. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to adopt the Tax Rate Ordinance No. 2021-1. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget for the General and Water Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tony McKnight discussed the annexation of the Brookshire Brothers Store located on the south of the Wells City limits.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to table the sale of vacant streets and alleyways located in the city limits of Wells. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka to purchase two aerators from the City of Husdon for \$12,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Robert Kalka 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 – Roy Shanks, Operator: The plants are both running great. The water department installed three (3) Personal shut-offs were installed, Two (2) water leak was repaired.

The backhoe is down, waiting on the repairs to be made this coming week. New city street signs and stop signs are being installed.

First Street has been repaired; the workers will continue to patch more roads.

The work at the sewer plant is complete, and the plant is being put back in working order. The new aerators will help with processing. Sludge has been removed, and the sand is still in good condition. All of our parts have been galvanized and will be installed in the following weeks. Roy is holding off on raising the lift stations but will watch them when we have heavy rainfall.

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 and reported one minor accident on W 4th Street with no injuries.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	5
Arrest	3
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	10
Traffic Stops	228
Citations Issued	260

VFD - Robert Kalka, Chief: Chief Kalka.

EMS Report	6 calls, 22 Man-hours 4 Inside City Limits 2 In County 0 Training hours	22 Total Man-hours
FIRE Report	2 calls, 10 Man-hours 0 gallons - water used 0 Inside City Limits 2 In County 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	2 Total Man-hours 0 Total Water Used

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: Nine (9) customers received the \$100.00 Non-payment, Two (2) customers received the \$50.00 patrial payment fee, and Seven (7) water meters were turned off for non-payment in August.

Convened to executive session at 7:40 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 8:16 pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to put the police officers on salary. Each officer can accumulate 240 comp-time hours per year to be rolled over. All comp-time hours over 240 must be taken in that calendar year,

or the officer will lose those hours. No more than two weeks can be taken off without pre-approval from the Chief of Police.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary