

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McKnight called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

a) ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Members present at the Special Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander. Gordon Cole, and Robert Kalka. Kayla White was not in attendance.
Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

b) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Brother Wes Matchett presented the invitation for the council meeting and Councilmember Billie Petty presented the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2024,
AND BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES FOR AUGUST 31, 2024.**

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve August 12, 2024, regular minutes and the August 31, 2024, Budget workshop minutes, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

c) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

(THIS TIME IS RESERVED FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ISSUE) SIGN-IN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING; THE TIME FOR SPEAKING IS THREE (3) MINUTES; THE SUBJECT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ON THE AGENDA.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the brother Wes Matchett as our visitor and acknowledged that no visitors signed up to speak.

If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Council should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Council should be held or is required about any item included in this notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Council concerning any subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071-551.089 of the Open Meetings Act.

3. ADOPT 2024-2025 BUDGET

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPT TAX RATE FOR 2024

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the adoption of the Tax Rate for 2024 in the amount of \$0.388164 on each one hundred (\$100.00) dollar valuation. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADOPT TAX RATE ORDINANCE #2024-2

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the adoption of the Tax Rate Ordinance No. 2024-10. The motion carried unanimously.

\$0.388164 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.

6. APPROVE CHANGES MADE TO THE ROW ORDINANCE NO 2024-8

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to approve. the adoption of ROW ORDINANCE NO 2024-8. The motion carried unanimously.

7. APPROVE CHANGE OF SPEED LIMITS FROM 20 MPH TO 30 MPH ON E 6TH ST, FOREST RD & WARREN RD.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the increasing speed limit from 20 mph to 30 mph on E 6th Street, Forest Rd, and Warren Rd. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVE CITIZEN SURVEY CONCERNING THE DEPOT

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the mailing of a letter requesting input from the community regarding The Depot building’s future. The motion carried unanimously.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

a) WATER DEPARTMENT – ROY SHANKS

The water plant and sewer plant are running well.

The council was advised that a leak on E 6th Street was repaired, the county broke the line due to not getting an 811 locate done by the city. A new service line was installed on Preston Rd.

Roy gave the council the PSI numbers for all customers living on May St. and Spinks St.

The department is working on work orders and mowing.

b) POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF HAROLD RAPSILVER

Chief Harold Rapsilver was not in attendance, the monthly report was given to the council.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	4
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	4
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	20
Traffic Stops	401
Citations Issued	476
Warnings Issued	28

c) VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS - ASSISTANT CHIEF ROBERT KALKA.

AUGUST 2024		TOTALS
EMS REPORT	6 Calls – 5 City Limits & 1 County 12 Man-Hours 10 Training Man-Hours	22 - man-hours in total
FIRE REPORT	3 call - 2 City Limit & 1 County 44 Man-Hours 3,600 gallons of water used. 20 Training Man-Hours 0 gallons of water used.	64 - man-hours in total 3,600 - gallons of water used

d) CITY SECRETARY -MELANIE POUNDS:

AUGUST 2024	
TOTALS	
31	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
8	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
0	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
2	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

10. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS.

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

11. REVIEW AUGUST 2023 BUDGET COMPARISON GENERAL AND WATER AND SEWER

The council members reviewed the budget. This is a discussion item only.

12. ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.