

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

MARCH 11, 2024

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, Roy Shanks and Keith Jones.

Visitor(s): None

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

Tony McKnight led the invocation and Councilmember Billy Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion, and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to approve the February 12, 2024, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive session tabled for the April meeting due to city attorney Robert Flournoy not being in attendance.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The pump on Wells # 4 located on Warner Rd was replaced. We are using Wells # 3 until the lab results come back clear. The air release valve was replaced so that we get a passing lab result.

The pump was replaced at the Highway 69/Booker Street lift station. Wells Manor requested a road bore and tap repair at the new office. A cracked manhole was found and a water line that wasn't active was capped off. A boil water notice was issued for all customers on Wright Patman and the ten (10) customers living from Wright Patman to E Greenville Rd. There was a chlorine malfunction over the weekend where the chlorine manifold had a puncture causing a leak. This repair has been made.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:

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

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	22
Traffic Stops	302
Citations Issued	349

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

February 2024		Totals
EMS Report	9 Calls – 6 City Limits & 3 County 10 Man-Hours 8 Training Man-Hours	18 - man-hours in total
FIRE Report	3 call - 1 City Limit & 2 County 11 Man-Hours 2,000 gallons of water used. 20 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	31 - man-hours in total 2,000 - gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

There were eleven (11) \$100.00 non-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of February.

No \$50.00 partial-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of January.

Seven (7) customers were disconnected for non-payment in January.

No customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander ordered the 2024 Election Canceled, all candidates are running unopposed for one mayor position, two two-year council positions and one one-year council position. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to purchase a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe patrol SUV from Asia Motors Inc. for \$29,790.00 and finance the vehicle through Commercial Bank of Texas for a 2-year loan period. The motion carried. Voting “AYE” Councilmember Alexander, Cole, Kalka and Petty. Voting “NAY” Councilmember White.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the new rules for the Annie Mae Henson Park concerning the use of the park by Wells Independent School District with the changes discussed to line item # seven (7). The rules will be signed by the mayor and the school representative. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The city council reviewed the February 2024 budget summary. This item is a discussion only item.

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

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to close city hall for Good Friday on March 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary