

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

DECEMBER 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, Harold Rapsilver and Roy Shanks.

Visitor(s): None

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

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

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

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion, and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the November 13, 2023, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Bille Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to change the street speed limits to 20 mph on all city streets by city ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

The code enforcement officer portion of the meeting was tabled, the city secretary is to obtain a copy of the City of Alto's requirements to obtain a better understanding of the position.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve Ordinance appeal for Ordinance 2-79 Sanitary Requirements for Property, Ordinance No. 3-79 Traffic Sign Control, Ordinance No. 2000-01 Raising Poultry, Fowl, or Hogs Inside City Limits, Ordinance No. 95-01 Dogs Running at Large, Ordinance No. 2003-02 Burn Ban. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the repeal of Ordinance No. 95-02 Municipal Court of Record. Effective March 1, 2024, the Wells Municipal Court will become a Court of Non-Record. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The city council reviewed the November 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 reported that there is a problem with the outside of the tank, and he will call Consolidated Tank to look at it.

The utility department fixed several water leaks at the end of November, the culverts on Manor Loop and W 4th Street were repaired. The repairs at the sewer plant have been started and will be complete in the first week of December.

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	20
Traffic Stops	225
Citations Issued	267

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

	November 2023	Totals
EMS Report	Four calls – 3 City Limits & 1 County 20 Man-Hours 10 Training Man-Hours	30 - man-hours in total
FIRE Report	1 call - 1 City Limit & 0 County 8 Man-Hours 300 gallons of water used. 10 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	18 - man-hours in total 300 - gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

Eight (8) customers did not pay for the month resulting in the \$100.00 non-payment fee being added to their accounts.

Five (5) customers received a \$50.00 partial payment fee.

No customers were disconnected for nonpayment.

Seventeen (17) customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

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 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST

City Secretary