

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

DECEMBER 9, 2019

Members present were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Clint Smith, Eva Alexander and Robert Kalka. Matt Meyer was out.

Employees: Melanie Williamson

Visitor: Walter Hall with Luft Werks and Joe Hedgepath.

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

Councilmember Robert Kalka led the Invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith approving minutes of regular meeting November 11, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. No one had signed up to speak.

Walter Hall with Luft Werks spoke to the council regarding the motor that the city ordered from his company for the sewer plant. There was a question of whether or not the motor was a new motor or a used motor. Mr. Hall explained how his company and Motion Industries breaks down the new motors and replaces the parts with parts that will last longer while submerged in sewer water. The council asked Mr. Hall many questions regarding the lack of a serial number being made available for the motor. Mr. Hall explained that his company gives each motor the same serial number and they can tell who's what company owns what motor by the amount of hours on the motor. A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to pay Mr. Hall the remaining balance of \$7,300.00 for the installed motor. Motion carried unanimously.

The council selected to table voting on employee long/short term disability until the city secretary can get a quote from The Reed Group. The item will be placed back on the next available agenda when the quote is received.

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

The November 2019 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were discussed. No action taken as this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer - Carl Pennington was out due to a major water leak on W. Oldham.

Police Department: Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that Officer Bailey had turned in his resignation. There are a lot of rumors being put out in the community from councilmembers about the police department cutting positions and Officer Bailey thought it would be best for him to seek employment with another department so that he would have better job security. The City of Wells has lost a 13-year professional that had a very good relationship with the community. The city will not have the coverage that it had now that there are only two full-time officers and one part-time officer. Chief Rapsilver said he will do his best to make sure we have the coverage that we need and will talk to the Cherokee County Sherriff Department so that they can cover Wells when an officer is not on duty.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to accept Officer Jacob Bailey’s resignation. Voting “AYE” Councilmember Kalka, Alexander and Smith. Voting “NAY” Councilmember Petty. Motion carried.

Type of Call	TOTALS
Assisted Cherokee County	4
Arrest	4
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	12
Traffic Stops	216
Citations Issued	277

VFD - Robert Kalka: No report given. Chief Kalka will update council at the January meeting for the November and December calls.

City secretary, Melanie Pounds: There were 0 customers with \$100.00 Nonpayment customers in the month of November due to Mrs. Pounds being out at the end of November for a family emergency. There also will not be any disconnect in the month of December since the city doesn’t charge customer the non-payment fee in December.

A motion was made by Councilmember Matt Myer and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary

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