

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tony McKnight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

a) ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Members present at the Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Eva Alexander, Billie Petty, Clint Smith, Gordon Cole and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Pounds and Harold Rapsilver.

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

Councilmember Robert Kalka gave the invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty lead the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

c) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

Mayor Tony McKnight welcomed the visitor and acknowledged the visitors signed up to speak.

No one signed up to speak Visitor(s): Darlene Kirkland

d) APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2025.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the Special Minutes for December 22, 2025, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. SWEAR IN APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER CLINT SMITH TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT FOR JANUARY – MAY 2026.

Melanie Pounds, secretary administered the oath of office to the appointed councilmember Clint Smith.

4. DISCUSS AND ACTION INSTALLING A 3 INCH WATER LINE ON COUNTY ROAD 2631

This item was a discussion item only and will be placed on the agenda again at a later date.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - WATER/SEWER. POLICE, EMS/FIRE, CITY HALL

a) 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	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	8
Traffic Stops	287
Citations Issued	329
Warnings Issued	18

b) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

The operator was not in attendance. The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

c) VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS - Fire Chief Assistant Chief Robert Kalka.

DECEMBER 2025			TOTALS		
EMS REPORT	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		40 Man-Hours	
	7	4	City Limits		
		3	County		
	26	Man-Hours			
	14	Training Hours			

	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		TOTALS			
VFD REPORT	3	3	City Limits		16		
		0	County				
	4	Man-Hours		0	Gallons of Water Used		
	0	Gallons of Water Used					
	12	Training Hours					
	0	Gallons of Water Used					

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

DECEMBER 2025	
6	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
0	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
0	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
0	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

e) HENSON PROPERTY REPORT

DECEMBER 2025	
1	Tree Waste Dumped
0	Dumps for the City of Wells

6. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER TEXAS GOV. CODE WHEN CALLED BY MAYOR.

Government Code items: (1) Legal - 551.071; (2) Personnel - 551.074; (3) Real Estate - 551.072.

Start time: 7:23 pm, end time 7:32 pm. No action for the executive session.

7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2025.

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

8. REVIEW DECEMBER BUDGET COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER & SEWER.

This is a discussion item only.

9. ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST