

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

JANUARY 21, 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, and Harold Rapsilver.

Visitor(s): None

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

Mayor Tony McKnight 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 December 11, 2023, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to hire Tony Johnson as the Wells Municipal Court Judge by Ordinance effective March 1, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the Cherokee County Appraisal District Board Election results. This item is a discussion only item.

The council discussed making new rules and a new contract for the Annie Mae Henson Park and softball field. City attorney Robert Flournoy will come and talk to the council regarding the will where the property was deeded to the City of Wells. This item is a discussion only item.

The council reviewed the timeline for the CLRF grant to start. This item is a discussion only item.

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

The city council reviewed the December 2023 budget summary. This item is a discussion only item.

**Department Reports:**

**Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:**

Roy was not in attendance; Mayor McKnight updated the council.

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

A major leak was repaired on May and E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We did not lose any water during the freeze. Roy has hired a tutor to help him pass the math portion of his TCEQ testing so that he can obtain his license.

**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	14
Traffic Stops	230
Citations Issued	265

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

	November 2023	Totals
EMS Report	5 Calls – 2 City Limits & 3 County 14 Man-Hours 12 Training Man-Hours	26 - man-hours in total
FIRE Report	3 call - 1 City Limit & 2 County 14 Man-Hours 300 gallons of water used. 20 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	34 - man-hours in total 300 - gallons of water in total

**City secretary - Melanie Pounds:**

There were not any \$100.00 non-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of December. Thirty-Six (36) customers did not pay their utility bill in December. These customers will be disconnected if their utility bill is not paid in full by January 25, 2024. No customers were disconnected for nonpayment. Twenty-Seven (27) customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary