

Members present at the Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, Kayla White, and Robert Kalka. Councilmembers Billie Petty was not in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

Visitor(s): None

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

Gordon Cole led the invocation and Councilmember Tony McKnight 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 Kayla White made a second to approve the January 21, 2024, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka ordered the 2024 Election of 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 Robert Kalka made a second to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-0212 making the Wells Municipal Court a Court of Non-record and appointing Tony Johnson as the judge. 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 January 2024 budget summary. This item is a discussion only item.

#### Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The chlorine residual dropped over the weekend causing the utility department to flush lines early to increase the chlorine residual in that area.

There was a major sewer issue at 300 block of Forest Rd; the crushed pipe was repaired at the manhole and the problem was fixed. The lift station on Highway 69 at Booker Rd had a pump failure and had to be replaced. The sewer plant water line and pump were repaired.

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	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	14
Traffic Stops	230
Citations Issued	265

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

	January 2024	Totals
EMS Report	4 Calls – 3 City Limits & 1 County 5 Man-Hours 8 Training Man-Hours	13 - man-hours in total
FIRE Report	6 call - 0 City Limit & 6 County 6 Man-Hours 600 gallons of water used. 18 Training Man-Hours (school) 0 gallons of water used.	24 - man-hours in total 600 - gallons of water in total

City secretary - Melanie Pounds:

There were eight (8) \$100.00 non-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of January.

Two (2) \$50.00 partial-payment fees added to unpaid accounts in the month of January.

Four (4) customers were disconnected for non-payment in January.

Ten (10) customers received a \$10.00 Trash Cart in ROW fee.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to appoint Robert Kalak as the EMS Coordinator for the Wells VFD Ems program. The motion carried. “AYE VOTES” Cole, alexander and White. “ABSTAIN VOTE” Kalka.

Councilmember Robert Kalka 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.

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Mayor

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City Secretary