

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Chief Harold Rapsilver, Officer Molina, Officer Cooper, Officer Hood, and Roy Shanks.

Visitor: Richard Trudeau, Matt Myer, Jody Myer, Elizabeth Myer, Anna Myer, Josiah Myer, Stacey McKnight, and Todd Pounds.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight acknowledged the visitors; Richard Trudeau signed up to speak.

Richard Trudeau addressed the council regarding the development of W. Frank Edge Street. There is approximately 1,000 ft. of the dead-end street not developed. Mr. Trueau owns the property adjacent to the street. He would like the city to open the street to build a parking lot and access W. Frank Edge to the parking lot.

Matt Myer, who was signed up to speak under item # 2, requested to address the council at this time. Mr. Myer presented the council with a petition from the citizens on W. Frank Edge asking that the dead-end portion of the road not be opened up for traffic. The petition states that the road did not need more traffic since it was not in good condition, and more traffic would make the road worse. Mr. Trudea has access to his property from Forest Road. He can install a driveway to access the parking lot that he wants to install. Mr. Myer spoke of increased foot traffic on W. Frank Edge due to people walking through the undeveloped portion of the road to reach Mr. Truedau's meeting building already, and vehicle traffic would be heavy also. The people walking are wandering onto his privately owned property, and this is causing a problem for himself and his family.

At this time, Mr. Myer is using the undeveloped portion of W. Frank Edge for parking equipment and vehicles since he owns the property on both the North and Southside of W. Frank Edge. Mr. Myer has hauled in the dirt, purchased white rock, and removed 25-30 trees from the undeveloped portion of W. Frank Edge to use that area. Mayor McKnight thanked Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Myer for addressing the council. No council decision was made at this time.

The city council convened to executive session at 7:20 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 7:56 pm. No action was to be taken from the executive session portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and a second by Councilmember Clint Smith not to develop or improve the undeveloped portion of W. Frank Edge. The right-of-way and undeveloped portion of W. Frank Edge will be left the way it is to date. Nothing can be removed. W. Frank Edge developed or undeveloped is the property of the City of Wells, and Mr. Myer will need to remove all of his personal property from the land. Anyone that wants to walk or drive on the undeveloped portion of W. Frank Edge can do so. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and a second by Councilmember Clint Smith to order the May 7, 2022 election. Motion passed unanimously.

The agenda item to create an ordinance regarding condemning buildings/houses inside the city limits was tabled. The council would like to see pictures of the buildings/houses that need to be condemned. Add to the March agenda.

The agenda item regarding the partial closing of E. Seventh Street was a discussion item only. No action was taken.

The agenda item regarding the purchase of a second water department truck was a discussion item only. Roy Shanks will get prices to replace the transmission replaced, replace the seat, and have the steering column fixed. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Roy Shanks, Operator: The plants are both running great.

The water department has had no problems in January.

The Sewer Department has a manhole clog on Greenville St and Warner Rd; Dillon English was on call and called in Roy Shanks to help. The grinder pump has been delivered and will be installed this month.

Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief: Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver reported that there was a bad accident North of the Dollar General last week. He thanked all of the citizens that stopped and helped him clear the debris and make sure that both drivers were safe and traffic was not at a standstill for longer than it had to be.

Type of calls	Totals
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Arrest – Traffic/Warrant	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	6
Traffic Stops	248
Citations Issued	287

VFD – Kelly Collins, Chief

Robert Kalka, Assistant Chief

No report was not given due to not being in attendance; reports will be given at the March meeting.

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: No discounts or \$100.00 nonpayment fees were applied in January due to the city hall being closed due to employees having COVID-19.

The council revied the General and Water Sewer Budgets. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED 3/14/2022; ORIGINAL MINUTES FOUND IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.