

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 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, Gordon Cole and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Pounds and Harold Rapsilver.

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

Mayor Tony McKnight 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 REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 12, 2026.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for January 12, 2026, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MAY 2, 2026 – POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT WIL BE ONE (1) 2-YEAR MAYOR SEAT; TWO (2) 2-YEAR AT LARGE COUNCIL SEATS; ONE (1) 1-YEAR AT LARGE COUNCIL SEAT.

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

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL SEAT DUE TO COUNCILMEMBER CLINT SMITH’S SUDDEN PASSING.

No action taken on this agenda item, acknowledgement only.

5. DISCUSS AND ACTION CUSTOMER WATER USAGE BILLING DURING JANUARY FREEZE.

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

6. 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	10
Traffic Stops	327
Citations Issued	367
Warnings Issued	14

b) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well. The City ran at full capacity during the freeze with no problems at the water well. Three new services were installed, and two major leaks were repaired in January. During the freeze, one of the mud pumps froze up, a mixer wire burned, all problems have been repaired. We need to look into getting a generator for the sewer plant.

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

JANUARY 2026			TOTALS		
EMS REPORT	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		38	Man-Hours
	5	5	City Limits		
		0	County		
	20	Man-Hours			
18	Training Hours				
CALLS			TOTALS		
	3	City Limits			

VFD REPORT	1	0	County	12	Man-Hours	
	2				0	Gallons of Water Used
	0	Gallons of Water Used				
	10	Training Hours				
	0	Gallons of Water Used				

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

JANUARY 2026	
3	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

JANUARY 2026	
8	Tree Waste Dumped
0	Dumps for the City of Wells

7. 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.
Executive Session was not used during the council meeting.

8. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR JANUARY 2026.

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.

9. REVIEW JANUARY BUDGET COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER & SEWER.

This is a discussion item only.

10. ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST