

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

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 Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, and Kayla White. Robert Kalka was not in attendance.
Employees: Melanie Pounds, Harold Rapsilver, and Roy Shanks.

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

Councilmember Gordon Cole gave the invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

c) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

Mayor Tony McKnight welcomed the visitor: No visitors were in attendance.

d) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2025.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for February 10, 2025, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CANCEL 2025 ELECTION FOR THREE 2-YEAR COUNCIL SEATS.

Councilmember Kayla White made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to cancel the May 3, 2025, election, three large council seats. Motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING JUNK AND ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve Ordinance No. 2025-317 Action regarding Junk and Abandoned Vehicles. Voting "AYE" Councilmember Alexander, Cole and Petty. Voting "NAY" Councilmember White. Motion carried.

5. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF W FIFTH STREET LOCATED BETWEEN LOT 1 THRU 5 BLK 63 IN THE CITY LIMITS OF WELLS.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve giving Victoria Gregory a real estate easement for her property located on W Fourth St so that she can have access to her property. The easement will allow the driveway to cross the undeveloped portion of W 5th St lying between GPS coordinates of 31.48437, -94.94096 and 31.48395, -94.94003. City attorney Robert Flournoy will draw up the easement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

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

a) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The chlorinator broke at the first of the month causing a city-wide boil water notice.

The chlorinator has been repaired, and the boil-water notice has been rescinded.

Two grinder pumps are being repaired for the sewer plant. These repairs will cost half of what it would cost to purchase new grinder pumps.

b) 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	3
Arrest	3
Calls inside the city	15
Traffic Stops	351
Citations Issued	410
Warnings Issued	17

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

Not in attendance.

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

FEBRUARY 2025	
11	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
16	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
4	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
5	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

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 minutes are attached to the regular meeting minutes.

8. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2025.

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

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

This is a discussion item only.

10. ADJOURN.

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 7:47 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST