

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, MARCH 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, Harold Rapsilver, and Roy Shanks.

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

Brother Wes Matchett 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): Wes Matchett, Misty Shanks, Claudia Warren, Kelvin Ratcliff.

d) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9, 2026.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for March 9, 2026, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CANCEL MAY 2, 2026, ELECTION - 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 cancelation of the May 2, 2026, election. The motion carried unanimously

4. 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	1
Arrest Traffic/Warrant	1
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	13
Traffic Stops	386
Citations Issued	438
Warnings Issued	17

b) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well. ONCOR has hit a water line at the Dollar General twice, the lines were clearly marked. The trash has been picked up along the highway and will be picked up along the city streets. There is a beaver dam blocking the flow of rainwater at Warner Rd and CR 2628. This dam needs to be removed.

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

FEBRUARY 2026				TOTALS	
EMS REPORT	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		22	Man-Hours
	1	0	City Limits		
		1	County		
	2	Man-Hours			
	20	Training Hours			
CALLS				TYPE OF CALL	
VFD REPORT	7	1	City Limits	96	Man-Hours
		6	County		
	66	Man-Hours		8,400	Gallons of Water Used
	7,400	Gallons of Water Used			
	30	Training Hours			
1,000	Gallons of Water Used				

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

FEBRUARY 2026	
7	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
8	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
0	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
3	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

e) HENSON PROPERTY REPORT

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

5. 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.

Start time: 7:18 pm, end time 7:29 pm. Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to approve placing an advertisement to take applications for the Chief of Police positions. This advertisement will run for 30 days to allow applicants to turn in their paperwork. The motion carried unanimously

6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 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.

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

This is a discussion item only.

8. ADJOURN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.