

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

APRIL 12, 2021

Members present at the Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Eva Alexander, Robert Kalka, Billie Petty, Clint Smith, and Gordon Cole.

Employees: Melanie Pounds, Harold Rapsilver, Carl Pennington, and Roy Shanks.

Visitor: Jed Morris, Goodwin Lasiter & Strong, Stacey McKnight, and Wes Matchett.

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

Wes Matchett led the Invocation, and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak to address the council. There were no visitors signed up to speak.

Convened to executive session at 7:06 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 7:17 pm there was no action relative to the discussion in the executive session.

No action was taken for the 2021 Public Utility Commission rate increase.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Gordon Cole approving the City of Wells hiring Todd Hamaker Johnson LLP as the city auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The March 2021 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were reviewed; no action was taken as this is a discussion item only.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to hire Gonzalez House Leveling to level the Henson House and Forrest White to replace the roof on the Henson house. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to offer utility customers the option to allow the city to install a personal shut-off valve and valve box for a fee of \$25.00 labor and parts. Motion carried unanimously.

## Department Reports:

**Water and Sewer – Carl Pennington, Operator:** The plants are both running great. Roy Shanks updated the council on the three leaks located in March, and all have been repaired. The water well shop is being deep cleaned, shelves have been built to organize the supplies in the shop.

Wright Patman Drive and W First Street have been patched but will need more patching to make the roads smooth.

The sewer plant drying beds have been wasted twice, and new sand has been installed. Forest Road lift station has been repaired; the Booker St/Highway 69 lift station has a broken pump; the pump will be sent to Smith Pump Company to see if it can be repaired. Padlocks have been installed on all doors located at the sewer plant office.

The council asked Jed Morris to look at the concrete below the water level at the sewer plant. The council wants to make sure that the concrete is still in good shape for the upcoming project. Mr. Morris will supply the council with pictures and his findings at the May council meeting.

**Police Department – Harold Rapsilver, Chief:** Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that the traffic was average for the month.

Type of calls	Totals February
Assisted Cherokee County	1
Arrest	6
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	11
Traffic Stops	267
Citations Issued	293

**VFD - Robert Kalka, Chief:** Chief Kalka.

EMS – February Report	16 calls, 36 Man-hours 14 Inside City Limits 2 In County 0 Training hours	36 Total Man-hours
FIRE – February Report	5 calls, 21 Man-hours 300 gallons - water used 3 Inside City Limits 2 In County 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	21 Total Man-hours 300 Total Water Used
EMS – March Report	10 calls, 28 Man-hours 7 Inside City Limits 3 In County 0 Training hours	28 Total Man-hours

FIRE – March Report	4 calls, 18 Man-hours 1,500 gallons - water used 1 Inside City Limits 3 In County 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	18 Total Man-hours 1,500 Total Water Used
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**City secretary - Melanie Pounds:** Seventeen customers received the \$100.00 Nonpayment customers in March.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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