

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

MAY 14, 2018

Members present at the regular meeting held May 14, 2018, were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Dorothy McMillion, Eva Alexander, Matt Myer and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Williamson, Carl Pennington

Visitors: Joe Hedgepath, Steve Cooper, and Celestino Molina

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Kalka led the invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving minutes of a special meeting April 3, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving minutes of a regular meeting April 9, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion proclaiming the month of May as National Lupus Day in the City of Wells. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to disconnect services for Richard Trudeau in regards to violating the city's rules and regulations by having two homes connected to a single water tap. The council asked Chief Rapsilver to deliver the notice to Mr. Trudeau before the water department went out to disconnect. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by revise water and sewer regulations by adding city approval before anything is connected to an existing water and sewer tap. Item tabled until the June 11, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka second made by Councilmember Billie Petty approving payment of monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The April 2018 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were discussed. No Action taken as this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

**Police Department: Chief Harold Rapsilver**

Type of Call	Total
Assisted Cherokee County	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	25
Traffic Stops	205
Citations Issued	210

Chief Rapsilver requested that the city have a special meeting to consider letting him hire Celestino Molina to work the weekends and evening shift for the city. The council request that a special meeting is called on May 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to review Celestino Molina’s application.

**Water Sewer: Carl Pennington**

Carl Pennington requests approval to purchase a remote calling system so that the city will get a phone call when the chlorine level drops in the system; the cost is \$900.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka second made by Councilmember Billie Petty approving payment of monthly bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The sewer inspection will be next week; there will probably be several write-ups for the following:

1. Lift Stations only having one pump; each lift station is required to have two pumps;
2. Wastewater plant only having one pump; sewer plants are required to have two pumps;
3. Sewer Plant flow is still high and breaking permit; even with fixing a lot of the infiltration sites within the city;
4. Paddlewheel cracked at the sewer plant.

**VFD – Robert Kalka**

EMS – April Report	12 Calls, 70 Man hours 0 Training hours	70 Total Man Hours
FIRE – April Report	11 Calls, 115 man hours 8,400 gallons of water used 16 raining hours 8,400 gallons of water used	131 Total Man hours 19,900 Gallons of Water Used

Chief Kalka requested permission to sale the EMS unit and replace it with a First Responders Unit valued at \$49,000.00 and paid for by the fire department. The money obtained from the sale will go towards the new unit. Chief Kalka also requested that the city provided auto insurance on the new unit. This item will be added to the next regular council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 06/11/2018 SIGNATURES ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY