

June 11, 2018

Members present at the regular meeting held June 11, 2018, were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Dorothy McMillion, Matt Myer and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Williamson, Carl Pennington, Amanda Latham, Joey Butler & Colton Herman

Visitors: Kenneth Durham

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.

Mayor C. W. Williams greeted the visitors; no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving minutes of regular meeting May 14, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Eva Alexander approving minutes of special meeting May 21, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

City secretary Melanie Williamson gave the oath of office to newly elected Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Robert Kalka and C. W. Williams. They took their seats on the council.

A nomination was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to elect Councilmember Dorothy McMillion as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second made by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion to designate Commercial Bank of Texas as the depository for the City of Wells. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Matt Myer to designate Cherokeean Herald as the official newspaper for the City of Wells. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Duplichain with Duplichain Contractors requested to be on the agenda to discuss the outstanding highway 69 expansion invoice. Mr. Duplichain was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Matt Myer and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to select Dorothy McMillion, Eva Alexander and Carl Pennington for TXCDBG Grant Program Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to select Raymond K. Vann as the city grant writer for the 2019 TXCDBG Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Matt Myer and second made by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion to Amend Ordinance No 2016-03 adding item # 20 regarding no person "water wells" used for drinking water inside the city limits of Wells. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Matt Myer to adopt Ordinance 2018-05 prohibiting the use of Water Wells inside the city limits of Wells to be used for anything other than watering livestock and vegetation. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dorothy McMillion and second made by Councilmember Eva Alexander to add the following items to the customer rules and regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Rules & Regulation # 7: Before any structure is connected to the city's water and/or sewer lines customers must first get a permit approval from city hall. All structures are described as but not limited to a 1) Travel Trailer, 2) Motorhome, 3) Utility Trailer and 4) Storage Building. The permit will require a copy of the person making the connections driver's license, license plate # of the item (if applicable) and a tentative removal date. The limit for allowing such items to be connected to city utilities is 30-days. After 30-Day the structure will require it's on the water tap. Extensions will be considered depending on the situation. (See also Item 6). (Revised 06/11/2018)
2. Rules & Regulation # 24: All lived in dwellings located inside the city limits of Wells are required to have both water and sewer services with the City of Wells. At no time may any livable dwelling located inside the city limits of Wells be connected to a personal water well or a personal septic system. Personal water wells may be used for watering vegetation and farm animals only. (Revised 06/11/2018)
3. Rules & Regulation # 26: All wastewater is required to go into the sewer system; this includes all gray water. Gray water is not allowed to run onto the ground per the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Gray water is defined as wastewater from showers; bathtubs; handwashing lavatories; sinks that are used for disposal of household or domestic products; sinks that are not used for food preparation or disposal; and clothes-washing machines. Any customer that has gray water running on the ground must make the necessary repairs for their gray water to run into the city sewer system. (Revised 06/11/2018)
4. Rules & Regulation # 29: Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for each violation. (Revised 06/13/2016; added 6/11/2018)

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and a second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to send Richard Trudeau a 10-day notice to purchase water taps for his two homes and to pay for sewer charges used without an active account.

A motion was made by Robert Kalka and a second by Billy Petty for Chief Rapsilver is to issue Mr. Trudeau a citation for theft of service if he does not comply with the city's rules & regulations prohibiting the use of a city utility without an active account. Mr. Trudeau will also need to purchase 2 water taps if he wished to have services at the homes. No water wells are allowed to provide drinking water to a dwelling inside the city limits and no personal septic tanks are allowed in the city limits. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The May 20185 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:

Water and Sewer – Everything was good within the department.

Carl had to weld a leak in the water tower. There was a crack in the well leg. A boom was rented to do this repair. Chlorinator has been messed up but is now working correctly.

The sewer plant rake is broken. A new motor has been ordered. Will be repaired when the part is delivered. The inspection went well; there are a few areas that need to be fixed.

Carl Pennington asked permission to purchase a canopy and a brush arm for the Kubota at a \$5,000 value. A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to purchase the Kubota equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

VFD – Robert Kalka

EMS–May Report	15 Calls Total Hours: 66	Training Hours: 6	Total Hours: 82
FIRE–May Report	6 Calls Total Hours: 18 900 gallons of Water	Training Hours: 12 6,000 gallons of water	Total Hours: 18 6,000 gal. water

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Police Department:

Chief Rapsilver reported that there were

Type of Call	Total
Assisted Cherokee County	0
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	28
Traffic Stops	189
Citations Issued	189

Chief Rapsilver would like to hire 2 full-time officers & 1 part-time officer to provide 24/7 coverage and to eliminate comp time. His goal is to have a self-supported police department for the city. The road construction will end next year and the city has revenue that will benefit them and by having more officers the city will prosper.

The council convened to executive session per Texas Government Code Ann. 551.074 Personnel – evaluation for police chief - Rapsilver & municipal court clerk - Latham position

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A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to allow Chief Rapsilver to hire two full-time employees and 1 part-time employee for 24/7 coverage. The council wants to meet them and review their personal history statements. The chief of over his department and may hire anyone he chooses after the council meets them. Chief Rapsilver is doing a great job and will receive a \$1.00 raise effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to make Amanda Latham, Municipal court clerk a full-time employee with benefits and receive a \$1.00 raise. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty and second made by Councilmember Robert Kalka approving adjourning the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 07/9/2018
SIGNATURES ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY