

JUNE 14, 2021

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

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

Visitor: Stacey McKnight and Dustin Walker

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

Councilmember Robert Kalka 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 the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2021, with noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKnight welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak to address the council. None of the visitors signed up to speak at this time.

Carl Pennington and Dustin Walker discussed with the council work that has been completed on the elevated water storage tank. Mr. Walker repainted the inside of the tank and made temporary repairs to the elevated tank. There will need to be a yearly inspection to make sure that the repairs hold. It will cost an estimated \$240,000.00 to replace the bottom of the tank.

A motion was made by Councilmember Billie Petty and second by Councilmember Clint Smith for the City of Wells to donate \$5,000.00 towards the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department radio system update. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon Cole and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to send a public notice to all utility customers explaining the donations on the water bills and the option to opt-out of the donations. Motion carried unanimously.

The Cherokee County tax sale auction was discussed with the council. No action was made on this item.

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

Department Reports:

Water and Sewer – Carl Pennington, Operator: The plants are both running great. Roy Shanks presented the council with the May water system report. The Check valve malfunctioned, causing pressure to break four water lines. The elevated trunk was down for two weeks; the elevated tank has been partially repaired. The utility department repaired five large water leaks, one sewer leak, patched Forest Road, and a sewer clog on Preston Rd.

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
Assisted Cherokee County	3
Arrest	2
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	9
Traffic Stops	247
Citations Issued	279

VFD - Robert Kalka, Chief: Chief Kalka.

EMS – May Report	13 calls, 44 Man-hours 9 Inside City Limits 44 Man-hours 4 In County 36 Training hours	80 Total Man-hours
FIRE – May Report	7 calls, 39 Man-hours 1,000 gallons - water used 3 Inside City Limits 4 In County 12 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	51 Total Man-hours 0 Total Water Used

City secretary - Melanie Pounds: Six customers received the \$100.00 Non-payment, One customer received the \$50.00 Partial-payment fee, and Four water meters were turned off for non-payment in May.

The council was presented with a water leak bill for Diana Carlquist. Her personal shut-off failed, causing a water leak. The customer is asking that the city forgive the water bill. The council declined to write off any portion of the water bill except the sewer charges.

Convened to executive session at 7:16 pm per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss personnel.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 7:45 pm. No action was taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Mayor

City Secretary