

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

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 Special Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole, Kayla White, and Robert Kalka.

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

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

Kelly Collins gave the invocation and Councilmember Billie Petty led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

c) RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.

Mayor Tony McKnight welcomed the visitor: The volunteer fire department was in attendance, no one signed up to speak.

d) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2025.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for May 12, 2025, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER.

City secretary Melanie Pounds swore in Councilmember Kayla White.

4. TANNER TRUDEAU – BULK WATER PRICES

Mr. Trudeau was not in attendance; he paid the remaining balance of the bulk water he purchased.

5. DISCUSS AND ACTION WATER TOWER REPAIRS BY UNIVERSAL SWEAT REPRESENTATIVE.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve hiring Universal Sweat to refurbish the outside of the elevated storage tank and the standpipe for the amount of \$92,495.00. They will paint the elevated tank in sandstone with WELLS painted orange and outlines in black. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. REVIEW AND APPROVE HAZARDOUS MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE
PAYMENT COST OF CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF WELLS PORTION \$527.00 OF THE
\$45,000.00 EXPECTED COST TO DEVELOP THE HAMP.**

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve paying \$527.00 of the \$45,000.00 needed to complete the Hazardous Mitigation Action Plan. Cherokee County Emergency Management will have the plan constructed with the Census Bureau. Motion carried unanimously.

7. 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	2
Arrest	4
Calls inside the city	17
Traffic Stops	367

Citations Issued	428
Warnings Issued	30

b) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well.

The pressure outside the city limits on E Sixth Street is low. It is running just above the pressure that the State of Texas requires. The lines were inherited by the City of Wells and will need to be replaced as soon as possible.

The department is working on mowing and patching roads.

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

MAY 2025				TOTALS	
EMS REPORT	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		44	Man-Hours
	10	6	City Limits		
		4	County		
	20	Man-Hours			
24	Training Hours				
	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		TOTALS	
VFD REPORT	3	1	City Limits	50	Man-Hours
		2	County		
	28	Man-Hours		8,000	Gallons of Water Used
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	22	Training Hours			
	0	Gallons of Water Used			

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

MAY 2025	
18	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
4	\$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

8. 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.

Executive session was not needed at this meeting.

9. DISCUSS AND ACTION TAKING OUT A LOAN FROM THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF TEXAS FOR THE TOWER REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,495.00.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve taking out a loan with Commercial Bank for the needed elevated tank rehabilitation. The motion carried unanimously.

10. REVIEW ONLINE REQUEST TO ASK TXDOT TO INSTALL LARGER SPEED LIMITS SIGNS IN THE CITY LIMITS.

This is a discussion item only.

11. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR JUNE 2025.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to approve the payment of the monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

12. REVIEW MAY BUDGET COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER & SEWER.

This is a discussion item only.

13. ADJOURN.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Bille Petty made a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST