

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY
OF CHEROKEE
CITY OF WELLS

JULY 13, 2020

Members present at the Regular Meeting were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Clint Smith, Eva Alexander, and Robert Kalka. Matt Myer wasn't in attendance.

Employees: Melanie Williamson and Chief Rapsilver

Visitor: Royce Williams, Richard Trudeau, Mark De Rouville, Jim Maddox, and Darlene Kirkland.

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

Mayor Williams established a quorum with 4 council members present and 1 council members, not in attendance.

Jim Maddox 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 on June 8, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. Tanner Trudeau asked the council to explain the new subdivision ordinance. Mark De Rouville also asked for an explanation of the subdivision ordinance.

Royce Williams again requested that he be exempt from the new subdivision ordinance that went into effect in February 2020. He asked the council to put his request to a vote. Mr. Williams also advised the council that if they voted against grandfathering his property, he would file a lawsuit against the city. The council asked the city secretary to contact city attorney Bob Flournoy to discuss this matter and advise the council at the next council meeting. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Resolution with FEMA. Motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed City Ordinance No. Plats and Subdivision of Land 2020-, the ordinance covers active services regardless of how many water meters are on one piece of property are considered grandfathered in and are not required to change anything regarding their property. If the property owner adds more meters or a dormant meter is reactivated, then the property would have to adhere to the subdivision ordinance before the change inactivity. The property is only grandfathered for the current owner. If the property is sold the new owner will have to follow the subdivision ordinance before the service being reactivated. No action was made to change the ordinance.

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

The June 2020 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 – Carl Pennington, Operator

Everything is running smoothly at both the water plant and sewer plant. We have been trying to make some repairs that have come up. Road patching will resume in July and mowing will continue through the summer months. The city is looking better, and the employees are doing a great job keeping up with the work.

Police Department: Chief Harold Rapsilver, Chief

The chief thanked the council for their support. Chief Rapsilver notified the council that the traffic was average for the month. The speeders have picked up but there were no vehicle accidents in June 2020.

Type of Call	TOTALS
Assisted Cherokee County	3
Arrest (traffic)	4
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	9
Traffic Stops	176
Citations Issued	196

VFD - Robert Kalka, Fire Chief

EMS – March Report	12 calls, 44 man-hours 12 Inside City Limits 0 In County 0 Training hours	44 Total Man Hours
FIRE – March Report	3 calls, 12 man-hours 600 gallons - water used 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	12 Total Man Hours 600 Gallons of Water Used
EMS – April Report	4 calls, 12 man-hours 4 Inside City Limits 0 In County 12 Training hours	24 Total Man Hours
FIRE – April Report	1 call, 12 man-hours 300 gallons - water used 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	12 Total Man Hours 300 Gallons of Water Used
EMS – May Report	0 calls, 0 man-hours 12 Inside City Limits 0 In County 0 Training hours	0 Total Man Hours
FIRE – May Report	1 call, 0 man-hours 0 gallons - water used 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	0 Total Man Hours 0 Gallons of Water Used

EMS – June Report	4 calls, 6 man-hours 4 Inside City Limits 0 In County 32 Training hours	38 Total Man Hours
FIRE – June Report	2 calls, 36 man-hours 0 gallons - water used 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	36 Total Man Hours 0 Gallons of Water Used

City secretary, Melanie Pounds: For June 2020, the city turned off 14 water meters with the \$100.00 nonpayment fee.

The council set July 27, 2020, @ 7:00 p.m. for the water/sewer budget workshop.

Convened to executive session at 7:50 p.m. per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss employee business

Minutes from the executive session are recorded and are on file in the city secretary’s office.

Reconvened from executive session at 8:10 p.m. for action relative to the discussion in executive session. No action was taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor

City Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 8/10/2020 SIGNATURES ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY