

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025
MINUTES

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 Regular Meeting were Mayor Tony McKnight, Councilmembers Billie Petty, Eva Alexander, Gordon Cole and Robert Kalka, Kayla White was not in attendance.
Employees: Melanie Pounds, Roy Shanks and Harold Rapsilver.

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

Councilmember Gordon Cole 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 and acknowledged the visitors signed up to speak.
Visitor(s): None.

d) APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 23, 2025.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for April 14, 2025, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS.

The city secretary Melanie Pounds administered the oath of office to councilmembers Eva Alexander and Gordon Cole. Councilmember Kayla White was not in attendance and will be given the oath of office at the June 2025 meeting.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR AND APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to nominate Gordon Cole for Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE ELECTION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-512.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second to approve Election Ordinance No. 2025-512. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DESIGNATION OF COMMERCIAL BANK AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR 2025-2026.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to designate Commercial Bank of Texas as the official depository for the City of Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

7. DESIGNATION OF CHEROKEEAN HERALD AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2025-2026.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Gordon Cole made a second to designate Cherokeean Herald as the official newspaper for the City of Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - WATER/SEWER. POLICE, EMS/FIRE, CITY HALL

a) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

The Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well. Roy is working to get water to the park in time for the 4th of July celebration. Carl Pennington is going to come to help him with this. The sewer plant mixers have been repaired; they cost \$2,000.00 each which saved the city the cost of new mixers. One of the blowers could not be repaired, a claim will need to be made with TML

since this mixer was damaged due to an electrical surge.

The utility department is working on mowing, weed eating and spraying around the light poles and fenced in areas. They will also be patching before the rain starts again.

b) 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	6
Calls inside the city	27
Traffic Stops	386
Citations Issued	450
Warnings Issued	34

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

FEBRUARY 2025				TOTALS	
EMS REPORT	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		34	Man-Hours
	6	4	City Limits		
		2	County		
	16	Man-Hours			
	18	Training Hours			
	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		TOTALS	
VFD REPORT	2	1	City Limits	2	Man-Hours
		1	County		
	12	Man-Hours		800	Gallons of Water Used
	800	Gallons of Water Used			
	12	Training Hours			
	0	Gallons of Water Used			

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

APRIL 2025	
10	Trash Cart left in ROW by customers
6	\$100.00 Non-Payment Fee applied to unpaid accounts
0	\$50.00 Partial Payment Fee applied to partial paid accounts
4	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

9. 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.

The council did not go into executive session.

10. APPROVE TAKING OUT A LOAN WITH A COMMERCIAL BANK FOR WATER TOWER REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,495.00.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Eva Alexander made a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

11. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR TREE SERVICES WITH ADAMS TREE SERVICE.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS FOR APRIL 2025.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to approve the payment of the monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

13. REVIEW APRIL BUDGET COMPARISON FOR GENERAL AND WATER & SEWER.

This is a discussion item only.

14. ADJOURN.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST