

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLS
WELLS CITY HALL – WELLS, TEXAS
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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, Kayla White and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Pounds and Harold Rapsilver.

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

Mayor Tony McKnight 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): Darlene Kirkland.

d) APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING JULY 14, 2025.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to approve the Regular Minutes for July 14, 2025, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

3. MICHAEL SECORD WITH STRYKER – EAST TEXAS – DISCUSS AND ACTION EMS PURCHASE OF LUCAS DEVICE.

Place this item on the September 8, 2025, agenda.

4. REVIEW AND ACTION PRELIMINARY 2025 TAX RATE.

Councilmember Robert Kalka made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second to select the preliminary tax rate of \$.380387/\$100. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REVIEW AND ACTION WATER RATE INCREASE.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Robert Kalka made a second to increase the water case rate from \$41.46 to \$45.86. This would be an increase of \$4.40 per customer. Mayor McKnight called for a vote. Voting “AYE” Councilmember Cole, Kalka. Voting “NAY” Councilmember Alexander, Petty and White. The motion did not pass.

6. REVIEW AND ACTION CHANGE LANGUAGE FOR BULK WATER SALES.

Councilmember Gordon Cole made a motion and Councilmember Billie Petty made a second choice to select the change the bulk water rates to \$.10 per gallon. The motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSS AND ACTION HOUSE BILL 914, CHANGING ELECTIONS FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER TO BE CONTRACTED WITH THE COUNTY.

Councilmember Billie Petty made a motion and Councilmember Kayla White made a second choice to change the elections from May to November. The motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSS AND ACTION LIBRARY PARKING LOT COMPLETION

No action was taken on this agenda item.

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

a) WATER AND SEWER - Roy Shanks, Operator:

Roy was not in attendance; the Water plant and Sewer plant are both running well. Work has begun on the elevated tank outside repairs. The sewer plant is running well, and the department is working on mowing.

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 County	2
Assisted Alto	1
Arrest Traffic/Warrant	3
Calls inside the city limits of	14
Traffic Stops	399
Citations Issued	425
Warnings Issued	26

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

JULY 2025				TOTALS	
EMS REPORT	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		26	Man-Hours
	4	1	City Limits		
		3	County		
	16	Man-Hours			
	10	Training Hours			
	CALLS	TYPE OF CALL		TOTALS	
VFD REPORT	1	0	City Limits	2	Man-Hours
		1	County		
	2	Man-Hours		200	Gallons of Water Used
	100	Gallons of Water Used			
	142	Training Hours			
	0	Gallons of Water Used			

d) CITY SECRETARY -Melanie Pounds:

JULY 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
2	Accounts Disconnected for non-payment

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

This is a discussion item only.

13. 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 7:50 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST