

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE  
CITY OF WELLS

AUGUST 12, 2019

Members present were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Clint Smith, Eva Alexander, Matt Myer and Robert Kalka.

Employees: Melanie Williamson & Carl Pennington

Visitor: Jim Maddox, Tony McKnight, Tanner Trudeau, Rick Trudeau, Judy Harper, Julie McKnight, Wes Matchett.

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

Councilmember Billie Petty led the Invocation and Councilmember Brother Jim Maddox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Matt Myer approving minutes of special meeting June 10, 2019, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Tanner Trudeau addressed the council. Mr. Trudeau has purchased 78 acres of land inside the city limits in hopes of putting in a subdivision. He asked that the water meters be installed at each lot. He also asked the larger than normal pipes be used for the subdivisions. A copy of the subdivision plans were left with the council to discuss with the city attorney the proposed subdivision. A road bore will be needed to start the water and sewer work. The city secretary will provide Mr. Trudeau with the total amount due to get started on the utility service.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to select the proposed tax rate for 2019 based on the effective rate of \$0.5618/\$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to deed the volunteer fire department building to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department. Voting "AYE" Councilmember Kalka and Smith, Voting "NAY" Councilmember Myer. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to pay the city bills. Motion carried unanimously.

The July 2019 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 reported that the chlorination system is down at the water well. Chlorine injection is being done by hand until Simply Aquatics can come next week to work on the system.

The sewer plant is continuing to function in line with the TCEQ permit. The paddlewheel has been ordered. 3 new grinder pumps have been purchased for the lift stations.

Councilmember Clint Smith asked that Mr. Pennington write up a list of things that needed to be done in the order most needed with amounts of each item.

**Police Department:** Chief Harold Rapsilver thanked the council for their support.

| Type of Call                          | TOTALS |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Assisted Cherokee County              | 9      |
| Arrest                                | 9      |
| Calls inside the city limits of Wells | 20     |
| Traffic Stops                         | 295    |
| Citations Issued                      | 395    |

**VFD - Robert Kalka**

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| EMS - July Report  | 6 calls, 22 man-hours<br>3 Inside City Limits<br>3 In County<br>0 Training hours                             | 22 Total Man Hours                          |
| FIRE - July Report | 3 calls, 10 man-hours<br>100 gallons of water used<br>201 Training hours @ school<br>0 gallons of water used | 211 Total Man Hours<br>100 Total Water Used |

**City secretary, Melanie Williamson:** There were 11 customers with \$100.00 Nonpayment customers in the month of July.

The agenda item to allow Brother Jim Maddox to remove the old cable building and satellites was tabled for the September meeting after legal council is contacted to discuss the city liability in case of an injury.

Convened to executive session at 7:46 p.m. per Texas Government Code ANN 551.074 to discuss Full-time position in the water department, resignation of city employe and chief contract.

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

Reconvened from executive session at 8:25 p.m. for action relative to the discussion in executive session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to hire Joseph Justice for the full-time water sewer position at a pay rate of \$11.00 with raises being given as Mr. Justice receives certifications to become a water operator. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Eva Alexander to accept the resignation of Joey Butler. Mr. Butler will be marked as re-hireable in the future event that he would want to reapply. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Matt Myer and second made by Councilmember Eva Alexander to accept a 3-year contract to be renewable at the end of 3 years for the Chief of Police position. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

APPROVED BY COUNCIL 9/9/2019 SIGNATURES ON FILE WITH THE CITY SECRETARY