

Members present at the Regular Meeting were C. W. Williams, Billie Petty, Clint Smith, Eva Alexander, Robert Kalka, and Tony McKnight.

Employees: Melanie Williamson, Carl Pennington, and Chief Rapsilver

Visitor: Deidra Smith, Eli Redd, Royce Williams, and Vivian Warren.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Williams established a quorum with all council members present.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Eva Alexander and second by Councilmember Billie Petty approving minutes of the Budget Workshop held on July 27, 2020, Regular Meeting held on August 10, 202, Budget Workshop was held on August 24, 2020, and Public Hearing was held on August 25, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Williams welcomed the visitors and asked if anyone had signed up to speak. Matt Myer addressed the council concerning his removal from his council position. He apologized for missing the three regular meetings in a row and explained that it was a combination of his fear of the COVID-19 problems and an email he received from the city secretary. Mr. Myer acknowledged that it was his responsibility to attend the meeting and spoke to TML to get the rules. He asked to be reinstated to his position, but he saw that Tony McKnight had already been appointed to his position. He voiced his desire to rerun for a seat at the next election.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Billie Petty to adopt the 2020-2021 operation budget for the City of Wells. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second made by Councilmember Tony McKnight to adopt the tax rate for 2020. "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.52556, which is effectively a 3.53 percent increase in the tax rate." The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to adopt the 2020 Tax Rate Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Kalka and second by Councilmember Clint Smith to pay the monthly bills. The motion carried unanimously.

The August 2020 budget comparisons for the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund were discussed. No action was taken as this is a discussion item only.

Department Reports:

**Water and Sewer** – Carl Pennington, Operator

Everything is running smoothly at the water plant. The ROW on May Street and E Third Street has been cleaned out to expose the sewer line that runs through the city's vacant road and alleyways.

A busted manhole was repaired, and a sewer leak was found. The leak will be repaired as soon as possible. Carl found a company in Houston that can galvanize the new sewer plant parts being built by Robert Sheared. Larry Tompkins is working on rewiring the new clarifier panel. Work on the sewer plant should start in the next couple of months. Roy Shanks is taking his classes to prepare for his test to take obtain his license.

**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 have not been any automobile accidents.

Type of Call	TOTALS
Assisted Cherokee County	0
Arrest (traffic)	6
Calls inside the city limits of Wells	9
Traffic Stops	268
Citations Issued	287

**VFD** - Robert Kalka, Fire Chief

EMS – August Report	17 calls, 43 man-hours 11 Inside City Limits 6 In County 7 Training hours	50 Total Man Hours
FIRE – August Report	2 calls, 6 man-hours 0 gallons - water used 1 Inside City Limits 1 In County 0 Training hours 0 gallons - water used	6 Total Man Hours 0 Gallons of Water Used

**City secretary, Melanie Pounds:** For August 2020, the city turned off 12 water meters with the \$100.00 nonpayment fee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clint Smith and second by Councilmember Billie Petty to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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Mayor

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City Secretary

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