

**CITY OF PURCELL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2021  
6:00 P.M.  
DOWNSTAIRS COMMUNITY ROOM  
CITY HALL  
230 W. MAIN STREET**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order and declaration of a quorum present.**

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order and declared a quorum to be present at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Roll Call.**

Roll call was conducted by City Clerk, Dorothy Kennedy, with the following results:

Councilmen present: Danny Jacobs, Graham Fishburn, Theda Engert, Jay Tate, Ted Cox

Councilman absent: None

Staff present: Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Bobby Elmore, James Bolling, Trey Phillips, Michael Minor, Tommy Mize, Mike Gowens

Counsel: Greg Dixon

**3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Fishburn offered the invocation.

**4. Welcome.**

Mayor Cox welcomed guests.

*Mayor Cox skipped to agenda item 6.*

**6. Discussion and possible action and round table discussion of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget.**

The Golf budget requests were presented by Mike Gowens. Mr. Gowens informed the Council that some of the needs that are being requested is a fairway mower and a carry-all. Councilman Jacobs asked if there is a need to expand the R.V. Park. Mr. Gowens stated that in the past it was not full often, but it has recently been staying full. He said he would visit with Mr. Bunn about it.

*Mayor Cox went back to item 5.*

**5. Discussion and possible action concerning awarding Contract for the *Replacing the Control Valve at the Lexington Storage Facility Project.***

Mr. Bunn presented the Council with a tabulation of quotes received for the project. The low bidder was Wee Construction the amount \$60,420. Other bidders were Ruddy Box & Associates at \$66,827, Elite Towers at \$74,315 and Young Contracting LLC at \$98,475.

Sullivan & Associates recommended awarding a contract to low bidder Wee Construction, Co., in the amount of \$60,420.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion second by Councilman Tate to award a contract for Replacing the Control Valve at the Lexington Storage Facility Project to the low bidder Wee Construction, Co.

Yes: Jacobs, Tate, Fishburn, Engert, Cox                      No: None      Absent: None

*Mayor Cox went back to item 6 Budget discussion:*

Animal Control Budget was presented by Chief Elmore with not many changes. Building Maintenance had a decrease due to the completion of the door security project.

Municipal Court was also presented by Chief Elmore with no changes. He did advise training was suspended last year due to Covid restrictions but would be reinstated this year.

The Police Department Budget was presented by Chief Elmore. Some of the budget increases were discussed in detail with Chief Elmore giving explanation of changes. Budget decreases were explained as well. Capital needs were; replacing 20-year-old radios that are obsolete and nonrepairable. He asked for four new Dodge Chargers with upfitting in keeping with a fleet rotation and replacement plan. The cars with upfitting were a total capital need of \$209,432. The Total Capital request including radios was \$283,153.

Street Department Budget was presented by Tommy Mize. Mr. Mize went over increases providing explanation of increased costs. Mr. Mize presented Capital Outlay request of a John Deere 444J Loader at \$140,000. Street and Alley expenses were discussed as well as the five-year Street Maintenance Plan.

Solid Waste Budget was also presented by Mr. Mize. Recycling Expense has a substantial increase due to under billing from the contractor. Mr. Lohn advised the corrected billing begins at this point and will not be back billed. Mr. Mize reported recycling containers are checked daily due to large volume of articles thrown in, many of which are not recyclable.

Electric Department Budget needs were presented by Trey Phillips. Mr. Phillips reported supply cost are up but tree trimming maintenance is down. Mr. Phillips explained that the City conducted tree trimming maintenance for main power lines. Since main lines are in good condition, we are working on secondary lines in attempt to get to the point of the Electric Department being able to keep up with maintenance. Lighting needs on Green Avenue from Washington to Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek to I-35 were discussed. Mr. Phillips relayed some of the three to five-year plans.

Appreciation was expressed from the Council for the hard work during late February in avoiding a rolling blackout for Purcell.

Water Department Budget was presented by Michael Minor. Mr. Minor went through both increase budget request as well as decreases.

Sewer Department Budget was presented by Michael Minor. Both increased and decreased budget needs were discussed in detail. Capital needs were presented for a pipe hunter sidekick and camera for sewer and storm drains. The combined cost is \$145,500. Mr. Minor stated the South Canadian Lift Station might be a carry-over project. The cost of which is \$500,000.

**7. City Council comments.**

None.

**8. City Manager and staff comments.**

None,

**9. Adjourn.**

Mayor Cox declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Approved this 3rd day of May 2021*

**Attest:**

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**Ted Cox, Mayor**

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**Dorothy Kennedy, City Clerk**