

**MINUTES
CITY OF PURCELL
PURCELL PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.
IN THE DOWNSTAIRS COMMUNITY ROOM OF
PURCELL CITY HALL
230 WEST MAIN STREET**

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, Andrea Millsap, with the following results:

Councilmen present: Jay Tate, Graham Fishburn, Ted Cox, Allen Eubanks, Theda Engert.

Councilman Absent: None.

Staff present: Bobby Elmore, James Bolling, John Blue, Serena Melton, Victor Lohn, Justin Howell, Greg Cypert, Kraig Edelman, Kevin Rhoads, Rocky Claunch

Counsel: Greg Dixon

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Allen Eubanks offered the invocation.

4. Welcome.

Mayor Cox welcomed guests, staff, and council members.

5. Discussion and possible action and round table discussion of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

a. Police Department/Municipal Court and Animal Welfare

Bobby Elmore presented the Police Department budget. Requested additional personnel and cost increases related to additional personnel. Requested 3 patrol cars. A few items increased due to inflation including gas & oil, maintenance agreements.

Councilman Eubanks asked about the life of a vehicle. Bolling replied roughly 5-6 years. Eubanks asked if we replace 3 every 5-6 years? Elmore noted previous council requested to do instead of asking for whole fleet of cars at once. More discussion about specific situation that would constitute a replacement out of time. Fishburn asked about car shortage and response was that there is a shortage causing issues. Eubanks asked how many we have. Elmore replied 27 but getting rid of 3 cars. OMAG is paying for 27 cars GPS and said when additional cars were received, they would pay for those.

b. James Bolling presented the Municipal Court & Animal Welfare departments.

Municipal court's only increase is for salaries.

Animal welfare requested 1 full time position to replace the part time position. Also requested replacement of heat & air unit. General increases is supplies and oil & gas, etc., due to inflation.

Mr. Bunn asked about the amount of comp time acquired. Bolling noted Louise was being forced to take time off due to maxing out almost every month (max is 240 per state statute). \$5,000.00-\$8,000.00 pulled out of comp time alone this year on top of \$15,000.00 over their overtime.

Bobby noted they were looking for a cargo van for animal control but same issues with other cars, no availability.

c. IT:

Chris Martin of Bedlam Computers presented. Any increase noted is due to increase of charges by that particular service.

Mike Eubanks asked for clarification that this portion of the budget was based on 6 months. Mr. Bunn confirmed it was.

d. **Code Enforcement:**

Justin Howell presented the Code Enforcement budget. Requesting a new vehicle as repairs on one of the vehicles is getting costly, recently had to replace the transmission.

Ted Cox asked if a vehicle has been picked out yet. Mr. Bunn said no. Mr. Eubanks asked how many vehicles the department had currently. Mr. Howell stated 3. Mr. Eubanks asked if any vehicles could be acquired from another department. Mr. Bunn said no. Noted we do that when possible but not any in a condition to do that right now.

e. **Parks & Recreation**

John Blue presented Parks & Recreation budget. Requested a full time parks maintenance person and a part time park attendant, and a new vehicle, and a couple items of equipment. A few increases in budget due to inflation. Also included were several projects in the works including Rotary Playground, The Trails, and McCurdy Park ADA improvements. Needing funding for repairs and replacements of park equipment. Expressed a need for maintenance and repairs to the Multi-Purpose Center.

Mr. Cox asked about the possibility of pickleball, and Mr. Blue said that is definitely a possibility. Mr. Cox also brought up the question of possibility of any of these projects qualifying for lodging tax.

f. **Fire Department**

Fire Department budget presented by Rocky Claunch, Greg Cypert and Kraig Edelman.

Request was made for engine/pumper truck, was denied last year and the price has increased dramatically. Requested a rescue bed and other accessories to outfit a cabin chassis vehicle the Chickasaw Nation has agreed to front the money for.

Mr. Bunn asked for clarification, would \$60,000.00 be our share. Mr. Claunch confirmed that was our share. This would be replacing a 2004 F550 which came through Homeland Security that's being used for a backup rescue. A used bed was purchased to put it in service. Would need to check with Homeland Security to see what can be done with it. If acceptable to Homeland Security, it can be given to another department. Requested 3 new full time positions as the fire department is understaffed. In 2020 there were 170 overlapping calls. ISO rating for city insurance, 15 possible points for manpower, we received 3. Discussion was had about ISO rating, hydrant testing, grants. Edelman noted since implementation of fire recovery ordinance to be able to bill third party on calls we've received \$44,000.00 from calls and those were non-resident commercial incidents.

g. **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management budget presented by Kevin Rhoads.

Increase in a few items due to inflation. Discussion was had about purchasing a new storm siren. One was hit by lightning and is inoperable but has been replaced. Discussed making claim with OMAG on the one struck.

h. **Airport**

Airport budget presented by Kevin Rhoads.

Our 10% portion of a grant given by the Federal government, for runway light project, will be \$45,000.00. We received additional funds from Federal last year. A few items increased due to inflation. Discussion were had about fuel purchases. It was noted by Mr. Fishburn that the ability to refuel is an asset to the airport.

Dale announced Kevin Rhoads retirement October 7, 2022. Kevin noted 32 years with the city.

i. **General Government & PPWA**

City & PPWA budget presented by Dale Bunn.

City

Serena Melton presented information about the Employee Recruitment Marketing (community & employee outreach program). Mr. Bunn requested for funding for this project. Several increases in budget items due to inflation and COLA.

PPWA

Senior Citizen building belongs to Purcell and it's in need of HVAC, electric and ADA improvements. Will approach county to see if they can share the cost. Requested funding for a laptop for HR and a small increase for the employee Christmas party.

6. City Council comments.

Councilman/Trustee Tate: Asked about sign honoring Mr. Fishburn. Discussion was had about what type to get. Mr. Tate asked if it can be done by July 8? Idea was discussed of concrete marker with bronze plaque.

Councilwoman/Trustee Engert: None.

Councilman/Trustee Fishburn: None.

Councilman/Trustee Eubanks: None.

Mayor/Chairman Cox: None.

7. City Manager and staff comments.

None.

8. Adjourn.

Mayor Cox declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:07p.m.



Approved this 6th day of June, 2022

Attest:



Andrea Millsap, City Clerk/Secretary



Graham Fishburn, Mayor