

**CITY OF PURCELL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY/TRAINING ROOM OF
PURCELL 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

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

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

Councilman absent: Graham Fishburn

Staff present: Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Michael Minor, Greg Cypert, Cody Penner, Kim Barnes.

Legal counsel: Ted Haxel was present

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Jacobs offered the invocation.

4. Welcome.

Mayor Cox welcomed guests.

5. Discussion and possible action concerning a recommendation from the Employee Advisory Board concerning selection of a Health Care Provider for City of Purcell Employees.

Cody Penner informed the Council that they had been checking with different insurance companies when they were informed that the current employee insurance was going up 34%. The Employee Advisory Board is making a recommendation to select Insurica as the insurance broker, Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan Option 1 and Option 2.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield plan is very similar to our current plan. With Blue Cross Blue Shield there is a 3% cost increase from our current insurance plan, the cost per employee will go to \$755.00 as compared to last year of \$728.01. The deductible has also increased from \$250 to \$500. The out of pocket cost for the HSC will be reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion second by Councilman Tate to accept the recommendation of the Employee Advisory Board to select Insurica as Insurance Broker and Blue Cross Blue Shield Option 1 and Option 2.

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

6. Discussion concerning the possibility of adjusting Sewer Rates.

Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Kenny Sullivan to analyze the City sewer rates. Mr. Bunn handed out a spread sheet of all revenue sources.

Mr. Michael Minor reported that we had a sewer bypass last Friday. The main line has no real access and in order to get to it the Sewer Department had to actually get on a man's property. After all the rain there was property damage. He advised he proceeded to clean out the chock, but it pushed it down to the next manhole where it choked again. When finally cleared and upon pulling the equipment from the line, roots and pieces of clay pipe were observed. One complicating factor is that it is located very near the spillway at the lake. Mr. Miner advised if he had an uncontrolled bypass it would go into the lake.

Mr. Minor proposed to replace the line from the second manhole to the 4th manhole and refurbish the manhole. The line will need to go under the highway. He advised it averages \$100 per foot to pipe burst for approximately 1,000 ft and approximately \$1,500 per manhole to refurbish. The manholes are 15 to 17 feet deep. Mr. Minor advised he is having the pipe camera to see the actual condition of the pipe.

Mr. Sullivan explained pipe bursting is the best way for situations like this. You can increase the size. Pipe bursting can go from 8 inch to 12 inch. Mr. Sullivan advised the line would run eventually into Sherri Classic which has an 8 inch line. It is not too late to look at upsizing.

The sewer rate was discussed due to this and other maintenance expenses.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion second by Councilwoman Engert to approve \$12 as a base rate for residential up to 1,000 and \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 and \$1.25 per thousand for 5,001 and above and Commercial rate base rate \$17.00 up to 1,000 and \$2.00 per 1,000 up to 5,000, and \$2.50 per 1,000 after 50,000 gallons.

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

7. Discussion concerning the possibility of adjusting Water Rates.

Tabled.

8. Discussion of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Cox asked what we would have to pull from reserves in order to balance the Budget. Mr. Bunn replied around \$2.3M. Mayor Cox stated that could become \$3M very easily. He stated we are looking at I-35 Interchange, Main Street projects, Hospital. All of this would put us below the 10%-30% that we do not want to go below.

Mayor Cox advised the City of Norman passed a Transportation Bond. If we were to do that we could use it for Road needs, the Interchange etc. If presented right, Mayor Cox advised, he thought it would pass.

9. City Council comments.

Councilman Tate reported a pot pole at the Elementary School.

Mayor Cox stated that the camera at North 9th traffic light is working well.

10. City Manager and staff comments.

None

11. City Attorney comments.

Ted Haxel had no comments.

12. Adjourn.

Mayor/Chairman Cox declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of June 2019

Ted Cox, Mayor

Attest:

Dorothy Kennedy, City Clerk