

**CITY OF PURCELL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY/TRAINING ROOM OF  
PURCELL SERVICE BUILDING  
1515 N. GREEN AVENUE**

**MINUTES**

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

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 6:03 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

Councilmen absent: Graham Fishburn was absent at roll call but joined the meeting already in progress at 6:09 p.m.

Staff present: Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Dorothy Kennedy  
Ted Haxel was not present.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bunn offered the invocation.

**4. Welcome.**

Mayor Cox welcomed guests.

**5. Discussion and possible action concerning Resolution No. 19-C10 a Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, adopting the fiscal year 2019-2120 annual Budget for the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Act.**

Mayor Cox asked Mr. Lohn if there were any additions or changes from the Budget presented to the Council-members. Mr. Lohn stated that there were none. He further informed them that the budget include updated Insurance, Life, Health and Workers' Comp numbers. He stated the final health insurance cost was an additional \$2.97 per employee.

Mayor Cox stated that the budget indicates a large deficit of \$2.1M but \$1M is dedicated to Main StreetScape. He asked if there was a likelihood of actually expending the money in next year's budget. Mr. Bunn's replied that he believed so. ODOT will call for the money about the same time that they except the architectural plans, he explained. The project is projected to start after January 2020. Mayor Cox stated that the City budgets revenue reservedly however expenses are budgeted to include some unexpected expenses. He stated that for the past several years we have finished the year with more reserves than we began with, even though it was actually budgeted to have a deficit.

Mr. Bunn reported the Main StreetScape is scheduled to start after January 2020 and we were not awarded the "Round About Grant" or the grant for the traffic signals. He is working on a plan to get the Purcell relocated in ASCOG. He explained that the City of Purcell is competing through ACOG for funding, however grants are continually going to larger cities.

*Councilman Fishburn joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.*

Mr. Bunn explained, concerning the traffic signal, that the traffic count was not high enough and there were not enough accidents at that location (Junior High School) to qualify for traffic signal grant funding. Councilman Fishburn advised when the Junior High School begins the traffic will drastically increase and there may be bicycle traffic as well.

Councilman Fishburn asked about the big picture of the budget. Mayor Cox summed it up by stating that the budget reflects pulling \$2.1M from the reserves, with \$1M of that for the Main StreetScape project. Also we added two full time employees.

Mayor Cox stated that the City budgets revenue reservedly but expenses to include unexpected expenses. Mayor Cox further stated that when we begin to get into land acquisition we will more than likely get into our reserves or be forced to borrow money. Mr. Bunn advised he is working on presenting a possible Ad Valorem Tax due to the multiple ongoing projects. Some of the potential projects like the \$1.3M I-35 intersection has not been included in the budget.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion second by Councilwoman Engert to approve Resolution No.19-C10, based on the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

6.        **Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order No.1 increasing the pipebursting distance an additional 270 lineal feet for the alternate bid at a cost of \$29,025, thus revising the contract amount to \$315,125 for the Emergency Sewer Improvements I-35 Project.**

There was no action taken concerning this item. See Emergency Meeting 06-13-2019 of the Purcell Public Works Authority.

7.        **City Council comments.**

Councilman Tate advised he did not understand why it is fine for other Council Members or employees to reach out to other cities but it is not okay for him. He stated it seems to be alright for others to attempt to make Purcell better for its citizens, but when he do it it's a problem. He stated he felt the comments made in the June 3rd Council Meeting were uncalled for. He advised with that being said, he is looked forward to serving the citizens of Purcell.

No other comments.

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

Mr. Bunn reported the Heartland Flyer will be stopping in Purcell tomorrow to celebrate the 20th Anniversary.

9.        **City Attorney comments.**

Mr. Haxel was not present.

10.      **Adjourn.**

Mayor Cox declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:41 p..m.

*Passed and approved this 1st day of July 2019*

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**Ted Cox, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Dorothy Kennedy, City Clerk**