

**CITY OF PURCELL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

**MINUTES**

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

Mayor Chilvers called the meeting to order and declared a quorum to be present at 6:03 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

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

Councilman present: Ted Cox, Mike Pollok, Graham Fishburn, Tom McCurdy, John Chilvers

Councilmen absent: None

Staff present: Dale Bunn, Dorothy Kennedy, Shauna Long, Gary Bonner, Joe Heck,  
Greg Cypert, Bobby Elmore

Legal counsel: Ted Haxel

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Chilvers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome.**

Mayor Chilvers welcomed guests.

**Consideration and possible action concerning a proposed agreement between the City of Purcell/Purcell Public Works Authority and Wadley's Ambulance Service.**

Mayor Chilvers read aloud agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8 and opened them for discussion.

Jackie Wadley began by thanking the Council, Dale Bun and Ted Haxel for their efforts in the proposed contract. He advised the proposed contract has better guidance for the Ambulance Service. It calls for transport to the nearest appropriate facility. It no longer has the wording that states 'coverage within a thirty five mile radios'. He reported it also narrows down the reports and the city will receive an administrative fee for their efforts. Mr. Wadley advised that both he and his consultant Sean Rogers have reviewed it and have no problems with anything in it.

Mr. Haxel advised there are still blanks that need to be addressed. Mr. Wadley addressed the monthly assessment and proposed an increase of \$1.75 to insure he is able to maintain his current practice of paramedics and operate a twelve hour truck, and would allow him to continue to provide the same services currently provided. He proposed in July 2016 an increase of \$.75 and the following year \$.50. After the previous increases, there is a built in automatic increase which is based on Medicare increases. There is an automatic renewal in five years. Mr. Haxel advised the contract allows for either party to notify the other by April, and it can be reviewed annually.

Mr. Wadley stated his cost has been driven up due to increased payroll expense which includes paramedics, the cost of medication and the twelve hour truck. The benefit of the twelve hour truck is realized during high volume weekdays, and allows him to conduct transfers from the hospital to nursing homes etcetera. Mr. Wadley advised as of February 1, 2015 he is no longer running the twelve hour truck. If the \$1.75 is approved he will be able to go back to its operations.

Councilman McCurdy referenced page 3 paragraph 3 asking "For the protection of both parties, do we need to include certain percentage adjustments? He advised he was concerned that there was no incentive for Wadley's to keep their cost down. And, if for some reason there is additional revenue, we need something in place to trigger a review.

Councilman Cox said that he was concerned about tying a how Medicare rates. He advised he was very concerned about the fixed income. Councilman McCurdy advised the contract reads that the rate automatically increases like Medicare. He asked if all parties will feel comfortable if Medicare raises or lowers their rates. Mr. Haxel advised that the contract provides for notification by either party, for renegotiate or terminate provided they are notified by April of that year.

Councilman Pollok advised he favored a bid. This would release us from having to require the financial information that we currently have to require. Councilman Cox also advised we need clarification as to whether the citizens of Purcell are supplementing the rest of the community.

In Summary Mr. Bunn went over changes in the proposed contract that the Council would like to see included; Performance expectations to included are a twelve hour truck operating Monday through Fridays excluding holidays, one paramedic per shift with the goal of six on staff. Wadley's is to notify the City Manager if staffing falls below three. Wadley's needs to coordinate with the Emergency Room.

Councilman Cox made a motion second by Councilman Pollok to authorize Dale Bunn to get with Ted Haxel and Jackie and make the changes in the contract that have been discussed tonight and have it ready for the regular Monday night March 2, 2015.

Yes: Cox, Pollok, Fishburn, McCurdy, Chilvers                      No: None      Absent: None

**Consideration and possible action on increasing the ambulance utility assessment from \$7.00 per month to \$10.00 per month pursuant to the terms and provisions of the contract between the City of Purcell and the Purcell Public Work's Authority and Wadley's Ambulance Service, Inc., dated May 18, 2009.**

No action taken.

**Consideration and possible action to notify Wadley's Ambulance Service that the City/Public Works Authority will not automatically renew its contract and that the City/Public Works Authority plans to seek bids for the ambulance service.**

No action taken.

**Consideration and possible action to instruct staff to prepare Ambulance Service Request for Proposals.**

No action taken.

**City Council comments.**

Councilman Pollok advised he believes we can come up with something of benefit to all.

**City Manager and staff comments.**

Mr. Bunn thanked Council, Mr. Wadley and the public.

**City Attorney comments.**

Mr. Haxel had no comment.

**Adjourn.**

With no further business Mayor Chilvers declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2015

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John Chilvers, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Kennedy, City Clerk