

**NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL
NEW CORDELL UTILITY AUTHORITY
NEW CORDELL DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Meeting Minutes of Public Hearing June 4, 2018
FOR FISCAL YEAR 18/19 BUDGET**

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on June 4, 2018 with six Council Members present and seven Board Members, including Darryl Anthony, Steve McLaughlin, Vicky Dunlap, Earlene Smith, Vona Hicks, Bob Plummer and Cheryl Wedel. Also present were Mayor Bob Plummer, City Administrator JC Moser, City Clerk Christie Cherry and City Attorney Johnny Beech. Council and Board Member Zetta Penner along with Council and Board Member Loretta Waddell were absent.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Bob Plummer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. City Clerk Christie Cherry called roll and a quorum was declared to be present.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.

Public comments will be heard after Council and Board discussion.

Mayor Plummer advised that the Fiscal Year 18/19 Budget has been published. Council and Board Member Earlene Smith asked why Meacham did not prepare a budget and Mayor Plummer stated that they were not asked to. Dacia Phillips with Meacham's office advised that previous budgets were reviewed by them.

Selena Gideon asked several questions concerning the golf course, swimming pool and the increase in utilities that will be voted on. Terry Pool expressed concerns about the quality of city water and raising the cost of it. Robert Venable asked if the golf course was included in the new budget and if the city owned it. Mayor Plummer advised that the city does own the golf course but it is a trust and city is not liable for its debts. Sara Lau asked if golf course paid city taxes or if the golf course was paying back any money. Mayor Plummer answered Sara Lau's concerns. Doris Gunning stated that she spoke with several council members that said they knew nothing about the golf course funding. Pete Nichols, Board Member of the golf course spoke to the audience and Council/Board Members about the benefits of having the golf course. Council and Board Member Smith stated that fund raisers should be enough to cover golf course costs. Jerry Pool stated that rates went up recently. Mayor Plummer explained that they did because of the fuel cost increase for the city. Donna Sharp asked if the city provided water to the golf course. Mayor Plummer replied that the city does but the water provided is not for drinking. J.D. Banks stated that he has tried to bring jobs to Cordell but the Mayor did not listen. Mayor Plummer replied that he did not remember that conversation. Russell Boecker asked several questions concerning the ambulance, fire department, police department, electric department, dispatcher, court clerk, Adams Lake, computer program for city office and the new budget. Charlie Brown spoke to audience in reference to needed repairs. Lori Jett stated that Charlie Brown knows where the money goes and ways to save. Teresa Waters asked why there was not a bigger budget allowed for the police department. Chief Brandon Rogers stated that the budget allowed for five employees. Chief Rogers also noted that he patrols town and has noticed more and more houses that are going up for sale. Zonelle Rainbolt stated that she felt like it was not reasonable for the city not to increase the utilities to help cover city expenses. Lori Jett advised that the City of New Cordell does not have the least expensive utilities and that people are being forced to move

because they cannot live here. Amanda Billings stated that her utility bill is higher than her mortgage. Doris Gunning replied that RV's use a lot of electricity.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Council and Board Member Dunlap to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council and Board Member McLaughlin.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Hicks, Plummer, Smith, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Bob Plummer, Mayor

Christie Cherry, City Clerk