

Town of Pomona Park – Special Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2019 (6pm)

Present: Mayor Pro Tem, Victor Szatkowski, Councilman Jim Griffin, Councilman Dr. Robert Warren, Councilwoman Pat Bergquist, Councilwoman CarrieAnn Evans, Councilwoman Pat Mead, Town Clerk Donna Fontana, Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Wolfred.

Absent: Mayor Svingala.

Meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m.

Purpose of this meeting: Opening of the sealed bids for SCAG lawn mowers.

The bids were opened by the Clerk:

Bid 1 – Futch’s Tractor Depot \$15,960.00

Bid 2 – Ag-Pro \$16,019.99

Bid 3 – Ag-Pro John Deere Z920M (not advertised) \$15,907.92

Mayor Pro Tem Szatkowski presided, called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The 3rd bid for the John Deere is not to be considered unless the Council wants to re-bid/re-advertise since the advertisement was specific to the SCAG mowers. The Clerk opened each bid individually and announced the vendor and their proposed bids. The council reviewed the bids. Councilman Warren asked Bruce to speak about the bids. Bruce said one of the biggest reasons we decided to go with SCAG is because we already have one and it will standardize what we have. Our parts acquisitions are from a single dealer and Futch’s will stock the parts at our shop so we have no upfront costs and they are supplying a cabinet. They are very responsive. Futch’s bid is lower with the hardtop canopies. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to accept Futch’s bid of \$15,960.00, Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. Art Blount asked why we are going to gas over diesel, we have 2 diesels with 1600 hours on them and one of the filters was never changed and they were still running. Why didn’t you stay with Kubota, that particular model? Clerk explained that gas vs. diesel was discussed at the last meeting and the Council already made the decision to go with gas. Maintenance wants to standardize the equipment and have 3 SCAGs, easier to maintain and keep stock, Bruce is the only one that knows how to work on a diesel and he’s not always going to be here. It didn’t make sense to pay almost double the price when you don’t have anyone who can work on them. Bruce said that one of the big improvements is the electronic fuel injections, a lot of benefits. Kolar commander engines. Art heard the SCAG go down the road and he thought the engine sounded like a thrashing machine. Don’t step over a dollar to save a nickel. Clerk explained that the decision for gas over diesel has already been made. Councilman Griffin stated that he has had one for 8 years and it runs like a top, the blades are easy to change, Shirley can even change them, the deck is a heavy deck. Bruce said we have had very good service out of the SCAG we have and I wouldn’t recommend more if I didn’t believe in the quality of the machines. Clerk stated that Bruce is our Maintenance Supervisor and he has shown that he knows what he’s talking about from a much higher level position than this for the district and so the Council has taken his knowledge base into the consideration of his request. Unanimous vote to approve Motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Call to order next meeting.

Purpose of this meeting: Budget items/ideas for the 2019/2020 budget

Clerk explained that we are in the process of starting to develop the budget. Bruce has provided a revised budget to me. Clerk requested that the Council please provide items that they want to include in the budget cycle. At the next meeting I will provide some ideas that didn't get done in the past and maybe you'd like to consider for this next budget cycle. Councilman Griffin would like to see lights at Morgan Park. Court lights for the tennis and basketball courts. He would also like to convert the baseball field to soccer because there are more children playing soccer now than baseball or softball. I see children all over town kicking balls around. Bruce said that part of the Fall plan and I included in the budget renovations to the irrigation system. Along with that I've got dimensions of a full-size soccer field and a peewee soccer field. It would be easy to accommodate 2 full size soccer fields and a peewee field. We can do this ourselves. Councilwoman Mead asked if we are leaving the softball field as is? Bruce said, yes ma'am but restoring it back to its original glory. The soccer field will fit proportionately into the out field so a dual purpose should work well for us. I also think if we get the ballpark back into condition we may have more traffic there. Councilwoman Mead asked about the Tball area. Bruce said that will stay as is and the peewee soccer will fit in that outfield. Councilwoman Evans asked what the condition of the buildings are? Bruce said that the buildings are pretty good. With the recent break ins, he's replaced the locks, someone went and attempted to put a screen up but that won't stop that. I'm going to weld together a bar system over those and then put in a new window which will secure it. The restrooms are fine, but lighting needs to be repaired. The structure of the buildings, pump house buildings are good. I'm not sure about the irrigation it's a part of what I really have to dig into. I'm not satisfied with its rotation or how it worked. Jeff is an electronics guru, that's what he did at Mayo and he will work on that while I do the other. Councilman Warren asked if this is Bruce's last appearance before he departs and Bruce said yes. Councilman Warren said we'd like to thank you for all the spectacular work you've already done. Everyone applauded. Councilwoman Mead asked Bruce about the 2 trees that are marked with red ribbons to remove. Bruce said that one is on E Main and the other on Pleasant and they are too big for us to remove. Jeff is aware of the location of the trees so when the tree company comes to remove Jeff and Al can show them. Clerk also reminded everyone that they have to decide on the millage rate that they want to adopt. July 1, we will have the actual value of the town and then we will have a hard figure for the budget.

Councilman Griffin made Motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Evans seconded the Motion.

Adjourned at 6:30pm.

