



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 5th, 2013 @ 1:00 P. M. at the Oran White Civic Center
MINUTES

The City of Tool, City Council meeting was called to order at 12:57 pm. Present were Councilmen Williams, Phillips, Sonka, Wright and Reeder. Quorum was established with Mayor Pro-tem Phillips presiding.

ITEM 1: Judy Esslinger requests variance of Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 17-3 Article 1 restricting the age of a mobile home to allow a 2000 year model mobile home into the Royal Oaks subdivision at 921 Regal. The building inspector was present and spoke positively about the condition of the mobile home. He advised that, other than some minor internal cosmetic issues the mobile home looks brand new. Council Member Wright disagreed with allowing the variance, due to having an ordinance against mobile homes over five years of age. Council Member Williams made a motion to accept the variance; Council Member Reeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Wright opposed.

ITEM 2: Consideration and or action to approve an inter-local agreement with Henderson County Sheriff's Department to provide for housing and care of inmates. Chief Grant was present for the meeting and explained to the council the changes to this year's inter-local agreement with the Henderson County Sheriff's Department. The main reason for the new agreement is an increase in price from \$25.00 per inmate per day to \$30.00 per inmate per day. The county also added the stipulation that if our police department takes someone to the county jail for housing, and that inmate is ill upon intake and must go to the hospital, the City of Tool is liable for that cost, and not the county. Council Member Sonka pointed out that the newspaper printed a story advising the pricing will be \$25.00 per inmate per day, which differs from the contract. She requests someone make a call and get a clarification. Council Member Wright made a motion to accept and Council Member Williams seconded with the stipulation that verification is made regarding the correct pricing. Motion carried, with stipulation 5-0.

ITEM 3: Consideration and or action to approve inter-local agreement with the Henderson County to set forth the purpose, terms, rights, costs and duties of the contracting parties whereby the County is to provide certain equipment limited to the undertaking of an election herein described for the City of Tool. General discussion between the City Secretary and Council regarding terms of the contract. The terms are mostly the same as previous years except for a slight rise in the cost. This cost increase has already been accounted for in the budget, as the City Secretary expected some type of a rise in cost this year. Council Member Sonka made motion to approve the inter-local agreement with Henderson County, seconded by Council Member Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 4: Consideration and or action to approve the purchase of a thermal imaging machine for the City's Volunteer Fire Department. Tool Fire Chief Shaun Williams presented the reasons for deciding on this particular machine. Such as: The machine is small and lightweight, The machine will help the fire department locate the origin of fire within a structure fire speedily, Finding the origin quickly will help the fire department cause less property damage in searches, The machine is more expensive, but better quality, When the machine needs upgrading, we will have software for that and won't have to send it off, The machine gives temperature readings, and is color rather than black and white, Five (5) year warranty included. The other machine he looked at only had a two (2) year warranty, The machine would be helpful in locating missing children/people as well as in use for fire emergencies, Motion to approve the purchase of the thermal imaging machine was made by Council Member Williams, and seconded by Council Member Reeder. Motion carried 4-1 with Council Member Wright opposed.

ITEM 5: General discussion of city business to include the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014

Maintenance Department Proposed Budget:

1. Proposed rise in property and liability, medical ins., vehicle maintenance, road materials, and uniforms. Discussion on rise in equipment payments includes expediting loan payments to alleviate interest charges.
2. Propose a Positional Increase for the maintenance workers, rather than a raise. This will raise them to area norms.

Fire Department Proposed Budget:

1. Proposed rise in budget areas: dues & subscriptions, and equipment purchases.
2. Proposed drop in budget areas: computer software & support, maintenance equip., misc. events & fundraisers.
3. Overall is a requested increase of \$3,011.00 over the last budget.

Judicial Proposed Budget:

1. Proposed rise in computer equipment, medical insurance, legal fees (prosecutor), office expense, travel expenses and training & education.
2. Proposed drop in budget area: payroll tax.
3. Overall is requested increase of \$4,500.00 over last budget.
4. After some discussion between Judge and Council, she agreed to cuts in the following areas: legal fees (prosecutor), computer software, and training. This cut an additional \$2,500.00 off her budget proposal.

Police Department Proposed Budget:

1. Proposed rise in medical insurance, and salary.
2. Proposed drop in budget area: auto expense-fuel, computer-software & supplies, dues & subscriptions, equipment purchases, equipment maintenance, vehicle maintenance, training & education, uniforms, and vehicle purchases. This cut an additional \$10,750.00 off his budget proposal.

Administration Proposed Budget:

1. Proposed rise in account services, audit fees, employee benefits-retirement (new item), medical insurance, legal fees, building maintenance, records management (new item), travel expense and training & education.
2. Proposed drop in budget areas: worker's comp., payroll taxes and telephone charges.
3. Proposed is an overall increase of \$26,951.00, but \$18,000.00 of that is legal fees and can be changed if the council deems necessary.


A general discussion took place regarding some of the items that have increased. The medical insurance is increasing 17% this year, and next year it will increase 30% and will also be priced based on age. The employee benefit-retirement is a new item and the city cost of that program was discussed. Records management is something that must be done and is also a new item on the budget this year. Also discussed was loss of revenue due to two businesses closures, as well as a need to accept the roll back rate which allows a raise in city taxes of 1.08% without having to hold an election. At the end of discussions, budget overage was down to a difference of \$23,000.00. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday August 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Wright, second by Council Member Williams. Motion carried 5-0 at 3:25 pm.

Passed and approved this 15th day of August 2013


A.J. Phillips, Mayor Pro-Tem



ATTEST:

Makenzie Blaser, City Secretary