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## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2012 @ 6:00 P. M. at the Oran White Civic Center

### MINUTES

The City of Tool, City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Councilmen Phillips, Wright, Reeder and Williams. Quorum was established with Mayor Pitts presiding. Mayor Pitts announced the passing of Councilman Dennis Candage, Community Leader Paul Ciardo as well as former Maintenance workers TJ Smith and Paul Everett.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pitts.

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for Regular City Council Meeting, December 15, 2011 was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for December 2011 and January 2012 Monthly Activity Reports: (A) Municipal Court Report, (B) Police/Animal Control/Code Enforcement Report, (C) Financial and Expenditure Report, (D) Maintenance/Street Department Report, (E) Building Department Report, (F) City of Tool Volunteer Fire Department Report was made by Councilman Williams second by Councilman Wright. Motion passed 4-0.

**ITEM 1:** Curtis and Michelle Burkel, 1710 Mason Ln., request consideration and/or action to approve a variance of the ordinance of which limits the age of a mobile home that may be brought into the City of Tool for residential use. Mr. and Mrs. Burkel were not present but did present interior and exterior color pictures of the 1998 model mobile home. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Reeder, second by Councilman Phillips. Motion passed 4-0

**ITEM 2:** John (Lynn) Shackelford, 405 Winding Shore Dr., request street re-construction and maintenance for the Heather Woods Addition. Mr. Shackelford was present and began by stating that Heatherwoods is one of the premiere additions on the lake and has been for many years. Mr. Shackelford went on to say that there are 58 residence 60 vacant lots in the Heatherwoods addition and between the 58 residences they pay 82K annually in taxes to The City of Tool which is 6.9 percent of the current year budget. He estimated that the addition has 9500 linear feet of road throughout the addition and a lot of it is in poor condition. Mr. Shackelford informed that they had consulted with real estate agents and were advised that their property value would increase drastically if the roads were repaired and would increase the potential to sell other lots thus increasing tax revenue for the City. Mr. Shackelford, on behalf of the Heatherwoods POA asks that the City reconstruct and maintain the roads in their addition that their taxes are paying for. Unknown person from the audience suggested that the City apply for a general obligation bond. Mayor Pitts explained that the last grant project we were involved in was for the Royal Oaks subdivision and the only reason we qualified for that grant is because the state considered that area to be low income. Mayor reminded everyone that there are over 30 miles of roads in the City that we are responsible for maintaining. He went on to say that not one Citizen showed up for any of the multiple budget workshop meetings that were held. He also reminded them that their tax dollars are distributed for police and fire protection, Municipal Court, City admin and cannot be one hundred percent allocated to road repairs. Mayor has spoken with Maintenance Supervisor and has made plans to repair the roads in this addition according to the resources that the City can afford to expend. The other option is to get a Certificate of Obligation and increase Citizens taxes or diminish departments such as the Police Department which means less protection for the Citizens. Mayor Pitts is willing to work with the residence of Heatherwoods to address some of the major issues. Unknown Citizen from Audience asked if the City would be willing to match any money that the Heatherwoods residence put forth towards fixing their roads. Mayor Pitts said that if it was reasonable yes but that it could not all be done in one budget year. Ron Chester, Paradise Bay POA President, wants to make sure that the City addressed all subdivisions and not just Heatherwoods. Mayor Pitts assured Mr. Chester that all roads will be considered and all feasible solutions would be looked at. Discussion ended.



**ITEM 3:** Consideration and or action to adopt Ordinance # 2012-01, the 2012 International Fire Code as the minimum standards for fire safety in the City further stating that the Fire Chief or duly appointed representative is the designated authority charged with the duties of administration and enforcement of the code. Fire Chief Mike Grant said that the International Fire Code is necessary in order for the City to be able to enforce fire safety violations. Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2012-01, the 2012 International Fire Code as the minimum standards for fire safety in the City further stating that the Fire Chief or duly appointed representative is the designated authority charged with the duties of administration and enforcement of the code was made by Councilman Phillips Second by Councilman Wright. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Pitts recognized Mr. Skip Smith who is running for County Commissioner PCT 1 and allowed him to introduce himself. Someone from the audience suggested that allowing Mr. Smith the introduction was improper and Mayor Pitts apologized and asked if there was anyone else present that was running for office.

Motion to Adjourn was by Councilman Williams, Councilmember Reeder second. Motion passed 4-0 at 6:45 pm.

**Passed and approved this 15th day of March 2012**