



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2012 @ 6:00 P. M. at the Oran White Civic Center

MINUTES

The City of Tool, City Council meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm. Present were Councilmen Phillips, Wright, Reeder and Williams. Quorum was established with Mayor Pitts presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Reeder.

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for Regular City Council Meeting March 15, 2012 was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 4-0. Motion to disregard the Minutes as presented for cancelled Special City Council Meeting, April 3, 2012 was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for March 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: Public hearing to discuss the closeout of Texas Community Development Block Program Contract # 71069. Hearing was opened at 6:02pm; Mayor Pitts gave an overview of the project details and allowed Grant Coordinator Wanda Vance to speak regarding this project as well as other potential upcoming grants. There were no citizen comments. Motion to close the hearing was made by Council Member Phillips, second by Council Member Reeder. Motion carried 4-0 and closed at 6:10pm.

ITEM 2: Cindy Clouch request consideration for appointment to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. Ms. Clouch stood and expressed her desires to serve as a City Council Member in the vacant Council seat and said that she would appreciate a nomination.

ITEM 3: Consideration and/or action to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term and to become effective immediately after appointment and sworn in to office. Council Member Wright nominated Cindy Clouch to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term Seconded by Council Member Williams. Council Member Reeder made nomination of Fran Sonka to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term second by Council Member Phillips. At this time Council Member Phillips made a motion that nominations cease; second by Council Member Williams. Motion for nominations to cease carried 4-0.

Mayor Pitts then took a vote of all in favor of appointing Cindy Clouch to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vote resulted in 2-2 with Council Members Reeder and Phillips opposed. Mayor Pitts then took a vote on all in favor of appointing Ms. Fran Sonka to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vote results in a 2-2 with Council Member Reeder and Phillips in favor and Council Members Wright and Williams opposed. Mayor Pitts explained that this resulted in a tie and that it was his duty as Mayor to cast the deciding vote. Mayor Pitts thanked Ms. Clouch for showing interest, encouraged her to run in November and explained that due to her previous experience serving not only as a Council Member but also as Mayor his vote was to appoint Fran Sonka to fill the vacant council seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. Motion carried 3-2 with Mayor Pitts casting the deciding vote to break the tie. At this time Judge Rhonda Peterson swore Ms. Sonka into office and she took her seat immediately.

Item 4: Consideration and/or action to approve the request for assistance from Henderson County for "Labor and Equipment Use" in the repair of the Heather Woods subdivision, approximately 0.60 of a mile. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Phillips, second by Council Member Williams. Motion carried 5-0.



Item 5: Consideration and/or action to approve a variance of the Planning and Zoning ordinance; Article 6 Section 5.3 number 1 and Appendix 3 at 1927 Cherokee Trace in the Tradewinds subdivision. Mr. Shannon Stokes was present and representing the home owners. General discussion took place regarding the request determining that new garage would not extend beyond the current placement of the existing garage. The existing garage will be torn down and the new garage will be attached to the current home and have an additional story built on top of the garage. Council Member Phillips advised everyone that Building Inspector Mike Howell had inspected the property and recommended approval of variance request. Motion to approve a variance of the Planning and Zoning ordinance; Article 6 Section 5.3 number 1 and Appendix 3 at 1927 Cherokee Trace in the Tradewinds subdivision was made by Council Member Phillips, second by Council Member Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 6: Consideration and / or action to renew the City's Interlocal Participation Agreement with "The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative". Motion to approve the renewal of the City's Interlocal Participation Agreement with "The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative; was made by Council Member Williams, second by Council Member Phillips. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 7: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 418.18 (f): Section 551.074 to consider "the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an employee", specifically the City Secretary and City Clerk. Executive Session began at 6:25pm.

Item 8: Reconvene into Regular Session at 6:45pm.

Item 9: Take any action necessary resulting from Executive Session. Mayor Pitts announced that a proposal had been made for reassignment of duties as it pertains to current City Secretary Neva Tankursley and current City Clerk Makenzie Blaser. The proposal further requested that effective immediately Neva Tankursley move into a part time roll of Monday-Thursday 12:00 – 5:00 as Assistant City Secretary and Makenzie Blaser move in to a full time roll of Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 3:30 and Friday 8:00-5:00 as City Secretary. Mayor Pitts stated that he and Neva both had complete confidence in Makenzie's ability to effectively operate as the City Secretary for the City and that Neva would still be available for ongoing training. Motion to approve the reassignment of duties as it pertains to current City Secretary Neva Tankursley and current City Clerk Makenzie Blaser was made by Council Member Phillips, second by Council Member Reeder. Motion passed 4-1 with Council Member Wright opposed.

Announcements: Trash off was a success

Motion to Adjourn was by Councilman Reeder, Councilmember Williams second. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:56 pm.

Passed and approved this 17th day of May 2012