



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2012 @ 6:00 P. M. at the Oran White Civic Center

MINUTES

The City of Tool, City Council meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. Present were Councilmen Williams, Phillips, Sonka, Wright and Reeder. Quorum was established with Mayor Pitts presiding.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for Regular City Council Meeting May 17, 2012 was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Councilman Wright opposed, with no discussion. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for May 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 Sonka. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 1: Consideration and or action to approve the resignation of former Assistant City Secretary Neva Tankursley. Mayor Pitts stated that Neva had been with the City of Tool for a very long time, but due to some health issues had traded positions with then City Clerk Makenzie Blaser, in order to only work part time. Due to continuing health issues she felt the need to go ahead and tender her resignation. Motion was made, with regret, by Councilman Phillips. Motion seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 2: Consideration and or action to approve a variance of the planning and zoning Ordinance Article 6-2. To allow an accessory building on a vacant lot, at the request of Betty Jones of 1211 Tupuna, Paradise Bay. Mayor Pitts stated the reason the request is being made, according to City Ordinance Appendix 2-1 of the planning and zoning ordinance section 1-A states that an accessory building or use is one which: (a) is subordinate to and serves a principal building or principal use; and (b) is subordinate in area, extent, or purpose to the principal building or principal use served; and (c) contributes to the comfort, convenience and necessity of occupants of the principal building or principal use served; and (d) is located on the same building lot as the principal use served. Mayor Pitts asked Bettye Jones if she would like to speak on the matter, which she deferred to Kathryn Pinnell, whom Bettye stated was the better public speaker on this issue. Kathryn Pinnell offered some discussion regarding having to rent storage in the past and the frustration involved with that process. Kathryn also spoke, with emotion, about her rented storage buildings being broken into and all their belongings being stolen. They are requesting the variance to build a 30x40 accessory building with a 512 ditch, double doors, a roll up 16 foot door and on concrete foundation. Kathryn stated there will be no items left outside the building. Mayor Pitts inquired whether or not a contractor had been obtained for the job. Kathryn stated it will be built by Randy Cox, of Cox Construction. Mayor Pitts asked if the construction company would also be building some type of driveway for the building, to which Kathryn replied they could only afford the building at this time. That would be a later project. Bettye Jones stated that at some point in the future, due to the placement of the accessory building; there will still be room to build a residence on that property. At that time Mayor Pitts asked the Council Members if there were any questions or comments; Councilman Williams asked if at the present time, there were plans to build a residence on that property, to which Betty and Kathryn stated no, due to only being able to afford the accessory building at this time. Mayor Pitts opened the floor for discussion to Ron Chester who is the POA President of Paradise Bay. He wants a definition of the word "workshop" from the council, as this is what Kathryn and Bettye have been calling the accessory building. His only concern is that the building not be used to run a business out of. Kathryn Pinnell stated this was not to be used as a business. Motion to approve the variance made by Councilman Reeder, seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried 5-0.



ITEM 3: Consideration and or action to allow Sean P. Ray of Athens Investment Center to represent the City of Tool in offering retirement services to City Employees. Mayor Pitts discussed that through the years the City of Tool has looked for a good retirement package to offer the employees. He commented that offering an employee package that includes some form of retirement is necessary to ensure gaining new employees that will stay, as well as retaining those currently employed by the City of Tool. Mayor Pitts also discussed the option, at a later date, that the City of Tool does have the choice to contribute to the employees plans. Mayor Pitts opened the floor to Council Members for discussion and or questions. Councilman Wright stated he had reviewed this plan and came to the conclusion that it is not one of the best plans, but that it is “A” plan, and that he feels maybe the Council should look into it a little more. Mayor Pitts stated that this plan is a good place to start, in order to get some type of plan in place for the employees. Motion to proceed made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Phillips. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Wright opposed.

Motion to Adjourn was by Council Member Reeder, Council Member Williams second. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:24 pm.

Passed and approved this 19th day of July 2012