



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2012 @ 5:00 P. M. at the Oran White Civic Center

MINUTES

The City of Tool Special City Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Present were Councilmen Williams, Phillips, Sonka, Wright and Reeder. Quorum was established with Mayor Pitts presiding.

ITEM 1: Remove from table for consideration and or take action to make recommended changes to the City's Planning and Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to fence requirements on water front properties. Phil Ringley was present for discussion with the council about possibly changing the City's Planning and Zoning Ordinance pertaining to fence requirements on water front properties only. Mr. Ringley's neighbor, Mr. Anderson was not present for the meeting. Councilman Phillips has a problem telling people what they can and cannot plant on their property. Councilmen Wright and Reeder both agree that this should be an issue for a POA, not an issue for the City Council. Councilman Reeder also discusses that when changes are made, it should affect the city as a whole and not just limit to waterfront or non-waterfront properties. Mayor Pitts commented that he feels a view of the water unimpeded can add aesthetic value to a property. Councilman Phillips asks Police Chief Grant if charges were ever filed with the County Attorney regarding this issue and what the response was. Chief Grant advised the Council that the County Attorney was asked about the Ringley/Anderson issue and the County Attorney advised him that they chose not to get involved in a neighbor squabble, over some shrubs. Councilman Phillips discussed with the Mayor and Council that this was his fear, getting involved in something that should be a POA issue that the Police won't be able to resolve. Mr. Ringley advised the City Council is his only avenue to stop his neighbor because he can't deal with him. Councilman Phillips reiterated his stance that if the County Attorney wouldn't even get involved that the City Council should not either. Councilman Wright voiced that no matter what decision the City Council makes there will always be another issue between these two neighbors. Council Person Sonka made a Motion to adopt the ordinance to make changes to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. That Motion died due to a lack of a Second. Mayor Pitts suggested having a public hearing to hear the neighborhood opinion on these matters, and advised Mr. Ringley that the City Council will notify him when the next meeting on this issue will take place.

ITEM 2: General discussion of Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Mayor Pitts advised this is a Proposed Budget meeting that is open for discussion. The City is not proposing any tax rate increase, nor across the board salary increase. The only salary increase open for discussion is that of Maintenance employee Shawn Williams. General discussion regarding raising Shawn Williams up to \$10.50 an hour, which will be the same as Maintenance employee Jeremy Martin, also whether or not they should be at the same pay rate since Jeremy has seniority. Shawn Williams will receive a raise to \$10.35 per hour.

Mayor Pitts commented that the budget is looking very good. City Secretary Makenzie Blaser pointed out there was one change since the last meeting on the issue. Judge Peterson's budget was corrected due to a transposition of some numbers, but that the bottom line stayed the same. Councilman Wright questions the \$10,000 in the administration budget. Mayor Pitts explained that is due to the City Secretary requesting a full time assistant, to change from the current part time. Mayor Pitts asked the City Secretary and Judge whether or not sharing a part time person between them is working, to which they both replied no. The Judge and City Secretary both agreed that they each need to have a full time assistant.

Council Person Sonka discussed the Maintenance budget and why the numbers didn't seem right. Frank Martin, Maintenance supervisor, advised her reason the numbers for the current budget year are large is due to the fact that we are just receiving the bills from the Heatherwood project, and the next project, one in Paradise Bay has not come out of this year's budget yet. City Secretary Blaser advised she had just written a \$30,000 check out to Apac for road materials on the Heatherwood project that has not yet been reflected in this year's budget.



In the Maintenance department budget there is a section for keeping the part-time position open throughout the year. There was general discussion on this topic, to keep it that way.

Councilman Williams asked about the \$450 dollars in the computer and software/supplies section of the Building Department budget. The City Secretary advised him that had been taken out. Councilman Nelson asked about the new Alarm Permits. City Secretary Blaser explained the procedure and cost suggested for the Alarm Permits. Mayor Pitts asked if the \$1000 allotted to that section of the budget was based on the number of alarm calls received. To which City Secretary replied, yes. General discussion over the topic.

Councilman Williams questioned why we are still paying on a fire truck when the note was supposed to have been for three years. He also asked where it is reflected in the budget. The City Secretary advised that it is there, but this is something that she has been working on straightening out since taking over the position of City Secretary. It is just a matter of seeing where the previous City Secretary had things placed. She also advised Councilman Williams that the note on the fire truck was for five years and not three.

Councilman Wright questioned the Police Chief about the amount of the Police Department budget. Chief Grant discussed the Charger as an example of the need for the money. This vehicle is intended to be a back- up vehicle in the future which will knock down the repairs charges on it. Mayor Pitts asked if that leaves us five units, to which Chief Grant answers yes. Council Person Sonka noted that the Police Department's overall budget has come down \$56,000 dollars.

Council Person Sonka asked if the proposed future meetings will be announced. The City Secretary advised the future meetings are set as :

August 27, 2012 at 5:00 pm to Take Record Vote to Discuss Possible Increase and Set Public Hearings

September 5, 2012 at 5:00 pm First Public Hearing

September 10, 2012 at 5:00 pm Second Public Hearing

September 13, 2012 at 5:00 pm to Adopt Budget and Tax Rate

Mayor Pitts advised the Council and Department Heads to go ahead and make the adjustments that were discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Reeder. Motion carried with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Passed and approved this 20th day of September 2012