



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 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 Williams, Phillips, Sonka, Wright and Reeder. Quorum was established with Mayor Pitts presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Sonka.

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for Regular City Council Meeting for August 16, 2012; Special City Council Meetings: August 21, 2012, August 27, 2012, September 05, 2012 and September 10, 2012 was made by Councilman Williams. Councilman Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda relating to Monthly Activity Reports for Monthly Activity Reports for August 2012: (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 Phillips. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEM 1:** Consideration and/or action to adopt Ordinance 2012-05B, Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2012-05B, Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 by Councilman Phillips. Councilman Williams seconded the motion and Councilman Wright opposed with no discussion. Motion carried 4-1.

**ITEM 2:** Consideration and / or action to ratify property tax revenue increase reflected in fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion to ratify property tax revenue increase reflected in fiscal year 2012-2013 was made by Councilman Williams. Councilman Reeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEM 3:** Consideration and/or action to adopt Ordinance 2012-05T, Tax Rate for fiscal year 2012-2013: "I move that the Property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4320, which is effectively a .0006% percent increase in the effective tax rate. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-05T, Tax Rate for fiscal year 2012-2013 was made by Councilman Reeder. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEM 4:** Consideration and or action to approve a service agreement with Northland Cable to provide Internet and telephone services to the City of Tool. Councilman Phillips stated that after reviewing the last month's bill from Century Link, for the City, and compared it to an estimate from Northland Cable, he estimates that switching service to Northland Cable will save the City approximately \$300.00 a year. Councilman Sonka commented that she had it figured at a savings of \$278.10. Jim Burgess of Northland Cable was present to meet the council and answer any questions, and also discuss his plan for service. Motion to approve City's switch from Century Link to Northland Cable was made by Councilman Phillips and seconded by Councilman Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

**ITEM 5:** Consideration of ordinance amendments as presented by Phil Ringley of 117 Oak Creek Drive Tool, TX. Motion to remove issue from table made by Councilman Phillips, seconded by Councilman Sonka. Motion to remove from table carried 5-0. Phil Ringley was present and read his list of suggestions for instituting a possible new ordinance. Stan Fernald was present and discussed the impact a view can have on the sale of a property. Mayor Pitts commented that Arnold Hills presently does have a POA, but that is has no "teeth", no enforcement abilities. Scott Felton was present and discussed his thoughts on wanting an ordinance for the city as a whole, not just for Arnold Hills. He plead



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to the council, saying they are the only hope of getting some of their issues resolved. Mayor Pitts discussed that any ordinance needs to affect the whole city, and not just one set of rules for just one area. Kathy Anderson, Mr. Ringley's neighbor, was also present and discussed that as a Real Estate Agent, these issues are more often left to the POA's and usually noted within Deed Restrictions. Rick Beamon was present and discussed that he purchased his home here for the view. He is in favor of the ordinance amendments. Councilman Phillips stated that he lives on the water, and feels that if these changes should go into effect that they should apply to everyone in order to be fair. Councilman Wright stated that the Council needed more time to work on this. Motion to table the item again was made by Councilman Reeder, seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion to Table carried 5-0.

Announcements: Mayor announced the upcoming Fall Fest, and requested Volunteers for the event as well as candy and monetary donations.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Reeder, second by Councilman Williams. Motion carried 5-0 at 6:40pm.

**Passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012**