



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2011 @ 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, Candage, Wright and Reeder. Quorum was established with Mayor Pitts presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pitts.

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for Regular City Council Meeting, October 20, 2011 was made by Councilman Williams second by Councilman Reeder. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for October 2011 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 Phillips second by Councilman Wright. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 1 Consideration and/or action to approve parking awnings for police patrol cars at City Hall. Mayor Pitts opened discussion by stating that the awnings were needed to protect the police cars and their expensive equipment. They were to extend the length of building including the 2 designated spaces for the Municipal Court. Police Chief Loscuito stated the awnings had been approved years ago and were especially needed after the extreme weather conditions we saw this last year. Councilman Phillips proposed a construction cap and Mayor to handle the construction estimates. Motion to approve the parking awnings for police patrol cars at City Hall with a \$5,000 construction cap was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2 Consideration and/or action to approve Resolution 2011-10R: November General Election Date. Mayor Pitts explained the resolution as necessary for compliance regarding Texas Senate Bill 100, Eighty-Second Regular Legislature and other federal and state laws. The resolution would permanently move the City's General Elections from May to November beginning in the year 2012 and would extend terms of office November. The City would save substantial costs associated with purchasing Election equipment needed to continue to hold City Elections in May. Motion to approve Resolution 2011-10R: November General Election Date was made by Councilman Candage, second by Councilman Phillips. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3 Consideration and/or action to approve employee medical insurance. Mayor spoke of policy premium increases for employees' current medical coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and turned the floor over to Richard Haynie, City's Agent of Record. Mr. Haynie explained the pros and cons associated with comparable plans from other companies. Motion to continue current policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for employees' medical insurance was made by Councilman Candage, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 4 Consideration and/or action to approve adding Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King Day to the City's list of official Holidays. Councilman Phillips motioned to approve adding Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the City's list of official paid holidays, second by Councilman Candage. Motion passed 5-0.

Under announcements Mayor Pitts spoke of seeing lots of children with happy faces, the terrific success of the City's Fall Fest and thanked all of the sponsors, candy donations and volunteers who made it all possible. The event was larger than he expected, started out small and has grown, community seems to appreciate it.



Councilman Phillips commended Fire Chief Grant for a job well done. One of first ones on scene to a recent structure fire, he went inside the burning building without any gear on to find a little boy that was unaccounted for. Brave per Mayor Pitts who also added that he has heard from a lot of people who wanted to commend our Fire Dept. on that particular structure fire, they were there, they saved not only that structure but 3 other houses around that were just about to go up as well...Good Job Fire Dept.

Motion to Adjourn was by Councilman Reeder, Councilmember Williams second. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:22 pm.

Passed and approved this 15th day of December 2011