



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2009, @ 6:00 P. M. at the Oran White Civic Center

Minutes

The City of Tool Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Present were Council Members Phillips, Sonka, Wright and Reeder. Council Member Bush was absent. Quorum was established with Mayor Black Presiding.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wright.

Citizen Comments: No person signed up to speak

Approve Minutes as presented: Regular City Council Meeting November 19, 2009. Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Council Member Phillips, second by Council Member Wright, and Council Member Sonka abstained due to being absent from the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda: Consideration and/or action to approve Monthly Activity Reports for November 2009: (A) Municipal Court Report, (B) Police/Animal Control/Code Enforcement Report, (C) Financial and Expenditure Report, (D) Maintenance/Street Department Report, (E) Building / Street Department Report, (F) City of Tool Volunteer Fire Department Report. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Sonka second by Council Member Wright. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Black expressed appreciation to Makenzie Blaser, city admin clerk, for organizing the very successful Halloween event held at the Civic Center for younger children. He then praised the Fire Department in their very good response times regarding structure fires. On behalf of Himself, Council and Staff, Mayor Black wished all a Safe and Happy Holidays.

ITEM 1: Consideration and/or action to hire an engineer for the assessment of all roads within the City for Road Program and cost estimate. Mayor Black spoke of the need for professional advice on how to put the road in, what is needed and an approximate cost due to the several different people telling us (City) how to do the roads. Further discussions covered: an outdated previous plan using data from 1999; different road processes and available options; a possible "Priority Phase" program; and the funding options available including Bond Elections or Certificates of Obligations. Motion to approve hiring an engineer for the assessment of all roads within the City for Road Program and cost estimate was made by Council Member Reeder second by Council Member Sonka. Motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 2: Consideration and/or action to purchase a laptop computer for use in City Council meetings. Mayor Black said the laptop could contain ordinances, previous meeting's agendas/minutes and would be used at the City Secretary's desk during council meetings to help in immediate research of questions as opposed to possible waiting until another date. Mayor also stated that no other expense such as a printer or internet connections would be necessary. Councilman Reeder advised it would be helpful during budget and tax rate meetings. Motion to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for use in City Council meetings was made by Council Member Sonka second by Council Member Phillips. Original motion was amended to reflect a maximum purchase price of \$1000 as discussed and Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Black again wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays and Be Safe.

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ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Wright, second by Council Member Reeder. Motion passed 4-0 at 6:21.

Passed and approved this 21st day of January 2010.

ATTEST:

J. Michael Black, Mayor

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Neva Tankursley, City Secretary