



## Regular City Council Meeting

March 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 5:56 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.

Mayor Pitts announced the candidates for the upcoming May General Election.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting, January 20, 2011 as presented and for the Special City Council Meeting, January 20, 2011 as corrected was made by Councilman Reeder second by Councilman Candage. Councilman Phillips abstained having been absent for the Special Meeting, January 20th. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for the January & February 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 Williams. Motion passed 5-0.

**ITEM 1:** Request by Laverne Thornton, 1108 Doe Run, for the Cedar Crest Shores Property Owners Association to go before Mayor and Council to speak about Code Enforcement in her neighborhood. Mrs. Thornton stated her previous concerns with City Code violations are being handled well and spoke about loose dogs.

**ITEM 2:** At 6:05 pm Council Convened into Executive/Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code: A. Section 551.074 to consider "the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee," specifically the Building Official; B. Section 551.074 to consider "the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public employee," specifically the Fire Chief; C. Section 551.072 to consider a partial land conveyance Cedar Creek Center Subdivision to relieve encroachment

**ITEM 3:** At 6:21 pm Council reconvene into Regular Session

**ITEM 4:** Take any action necessary resulting from Executive/Closed Session on items listed under Item 2

A. (TGC) Sec.551.074 approve or disapprove the employment duties of the Building Inspector. Mayor spoke of Mike Howell's resignation. Motion to freeze the position of Building Inspector and continue the Building Department was made by Councilman Candage second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 5-0.

B. (TGC) Sec.551.074 approve or disapprove Fire Chief appointment and administer Oath of Office. Councilman Phillips nominated Michael Grant and motioned to appoint him as Head of the Fire Department and Fire Chief of the City of Tool Fire Department, second by Councilman Wright. Motion passed 5-0. Michael Grant was immediately sworn-in and assumed office.

C. (TGC)Sec. 551.072 approve or disapprove conveyance of a partial piece of land approximately 2 ft wide and 110 foot long per new survey to land owned by the city and building owner of contiguous property between lots 35 and 34 in Cedar Creek Center Subdivision, City of Tool. Mayor Pitts spoke of the conveyance as a way to eliminate building encroachment problems since it was built and would require survey. Councilman Phillips motioned to approve conveyance of land between lots 35 and 34 in Cedar Creek Center Subdivision and authorized Mayor Pitts to pursue the settlement, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 5-0.



ANNOUNCEMENTS were made by Mayor Pitts: First he spoke of the City's annual Trash-off for Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 am 'till noon or the dumpsters are full; and second Mayor Pitts presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mike Howell for his professionalism and pride during his employment.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Candage second by Councilman Wright Motion passed 5-0 at 6:32 pm.