



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 21, 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.

Mayor Pitts welcomed all in attendance and recognized Claudette Allsup along with new resident Bryce Castilla.

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented for the Regular City Council Meeting, June 16, 2011, Budget Workshop Meeting, June 30, 2011, and Budget Workshop Meeting, July 19, 2011 was made by Councilman Williams, second by Councilman Phillips. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for June 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 Candage. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 1: Due to the City having not yet received the certified values from the Appraisal District, motion to table the “discussion on the 2011 Certified Appraisal Roll Values and take ‘Record Vote’ to consider a possible tax increase and schedule hearings” was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 2: Consideration and/or action to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilman Reeder nominated Councilman Phillips for Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilman Candage and nominations were closed. Councilman Candage motioned to retain and appoint Councilman Phillips as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilman Reeder. Councilman Phillips abstained from the vote. Motion passed 4-0. Presiding Municipal Judge Rhonda Peterson issued oath of office and statement of appointed officer. Mayor Pitts spoke of Councilman Phillips’ 30 year tenure and how the City is proud to have him.

ITEM 3: Consideration and/or action to approve a room addition to the Civic Center to be utilized by City Council and Municipal Court Judge, Mayor Pitts spoke of Council’s Executive Sessions and Municipal Court’s jury deliberations as intended uses for a 16’ by 24’ room. Councilman Candage motioned to table the approval of the room addition to the Civic Center pending further bids, second by Councilman Williams. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 4: Consideration and/or action to address the over grown island in the cul-de-sac on Moonglow Circle. Mayor Pitts noted that he and Council have viewed the island on the Moonglow Circle cul-de-sac. Mayor then spoke of the situation as being health and safety issues on City property (a City street) that range from rodents and snakes to overgrown Pampas Grass and Poison Ivy. Councilman Reeder stated that the residents were also concerned with those same issues and added that all but one resident was in favor of cleaning up the island. Councilman Reeder abstained from any further discussion or vote since he lived there. Frank Martin, Street Road Maintenance Supervisor, recommended applying rock and asphalt after cleaning. Audience members disagreed with the asphalt citing drainage issues for the tree that was to be left in the island. Mayor called for motion. Motion to clean out the over grown island in the cul-de-sac on Moonglow Circle, leave the tree and put down a layer of rock was made by Councilman Phillips, second by Councilman Williams. Councilman Reeder abstained from vote, motion passed 4-0.



ITEM 5: Consideration and/or action to change the name of the 100 block of Parkway Circle to Lawrence Landing as requested by Lakeway Estates Property Owners Association, Glenda Rushing, Treasurer. Mayor Pitts welcomed Ms. Rushing and the floor was opened for the requested consideration. She spoke of this as a way to recognize and honor Don and Dorothy Lawrence for their hard work and dedication to the community for more than 25 years. Parkway Circle is a small street going down to the park with only 2 property owners that both agree to change the name of Parkway Circle to Lawrence Landing. A street sign with new name has already been purchased from the City. Henderson County and the 911 Addressing Center both need a letter from the City authorizing the street name change before beginning the process to change maps. Mayor Pitts stated the City would research the process, requested Lakeway Estates to report back with progress and called for the vote. Motion to approve the change of the name of the 100 block of Parkway Circle to Lawrence Landing was made by Councilmember Reeder second by Councilmember Williams. Motion Carried 5-0

ITEM 6: Consideration and/or action to approve selling the Fire Department Fire Rescue box van. Mayor spoke of controversy surrounding the Fire Rescue box van as being not usable, not cost effective to repair, has it served its purpose. The issue at hand is whether to keep it or sell it. Fire Chief Mike Grant requested the item be tabled for 30 days to allow for a complete and thorough assessment with repair cost estimates and assured Council that if the equipment was repaired it would be used for the intended purpose. Councilman Wright inquired as to the sale of the Fire Department's van as well and was advised by Mayor Pitts that that sale was already authorized in a past meeting. Motion to table for 30 days the approval of selling the Fire Department Fire Rescue box van was made by Councilmember Candage second by Councilmember Phillips. Motion Carried 5-0

Announcements were made by Mayor Pitts: First he spoke of the Carter Blood Drive to be held Saturday, August 20th from 9am to 1pm at the Civic Center; and, second requested all of those interested to sign-up for the City's E-mail Contact List.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Wright, Councilmember Reeder second. Motion passed 5-0 at 6:35 pm