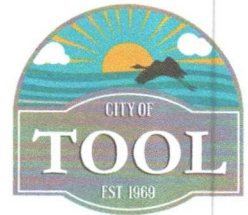


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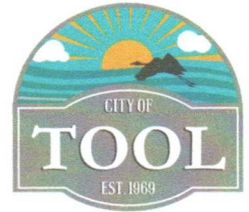
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1. Call to Order @ 6:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Bennett, Dumont, Figueroa, Salvato, Sayre, Stykes. Councilmember Sayre Absent. Quorum was established with Mayor Bennett Presiding.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Declare, if any, Council's Conflicts of Interest
 - A. No Known Conflicts of Interest from Present Council Members
5. **Appointments, Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions**
 - (a) Receive presentation from the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association regarding municipal hotel occupancy taxes. Justin Bragiel of the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association presented his presentation highlighting seven uses of Hotel Occupancy Taxes and concluded by discussing what percentage of your Hotel Occupancy Tax Budget must be spent on each category.
6. **Citizen Comments:** Citizens wishing to speak on an agenda item must sign up to do so (**3 Minute Maximum**) *The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to City Staff for research, resolution or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item.*
 - A. La Mon Chaney spoke on Item 17 at the time of the Agenda Item
 - B. Michael Fladmark spoke on Item 17 at the time of the Agenda Item
7. **Staff Comments** - *Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; Staff gives regards dealing with specific factual information or existing policy dealing within the City, that may have an impact on citizens, staff or the City Council of Tool. No formal action will be discussed or taken.*
 - A. Director of Maintenance and Operations Frank Martin presented the Monthly Maintenance Report along with the Monthly Animal Control Report
 - B. Permit Technician Mathew Hamaker presented the Monthly Building Department Report
 - C. City Clerk Alicia Keith discussed the upcoming City Trash Off that is set to take place on April 25th
 - D. Court Clerk Stacy Hamaker presented the Monthly Report for Court and concluded by discussing the upcoming dates for Teen Court
 - E. Code Enforcement Officer Kenny Boyle presented the Monthly Report for Code Enforcement
 - F. Chief of Police Robert Walker presented the Monthly Report for the Police Department and concluded by presenting the Racial Profiling report which showed that the Police Department did not participate in racial profiling
 - G. City Administrator Julius Kizzee discussed the hiring of a City Controller and concluded by stating that Jenny Kitchen would begin on Monday
 - H. City Secretary Kimberley Price discussed the Application of Graduation she had applied for through the Texas Municipal Clerk's Association program.

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Public Hearings – *The Tool City Council shall open relevant public hearings to receive citizen testimony regarding the following items. The public comment period begins on the first date notice is published and extends to the close of the public hearing. Public comments may be submitted either in writing to the City of Tool City Council, Office of the City Secretary, 701 N. Tool Dr., Tool, TX 75143, or electronically via email at contact@tooltexas.org. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the city's public record.*

8. **Open, announce the time and conduct a public hearing to receive testimony on the following:**

A. The Public Hearing was opened @ 6:49 p.m.

9. Discuss a variance request by Betina Miller of 1331 N. Tool Dr. to erect a new metal building, in accordance with Ordinance 2023-06A, Highway 274 Façade Standards. Betina Miller was not present for the meeting, so City Administrator Kizzee presented this item on her behalf. City Administrator Kizzee stated that Betina Miller was applying for a variance that would allow the construction of a building that would be of metal façade which is not in compliance with Ordinance 2023-06A, Highway Façade Standards. Councilmember Stykes stated that he was not in favor of granting the variance for a metal building façade. Councilmember Figueroa along with Mayor Bennett stated that they agreed with Councilmember Stykes on not granting the variance. Councilmember Figueroa along with Councilmember Dumont stated that they would like to look into a possible grant to assist in the cost of creating a nonmetal façade building on Highway 274.

10. **Close public hearing and announce the time**

A. The Public Hearing was closed @ 6:53 p.m.

Consent Agenda - *Approval of Consent Agenda items authorize each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the consent agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Council present at this meeting.*

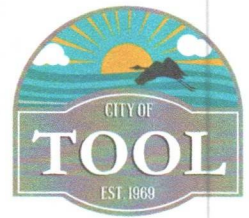
11. Approve Minutes: February 19th, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion to Approve Minutes: February 19th, 2026 Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 4/0.
12. Approve Monthly Activity Reports for February 2026 as presented: (A) Executive Summary (B) Financial and Expenditure (C) Municipal Court; (D) Police (E) Maintenance; (F) Building (G) Code Enforcement and; (H) Animal Control. Councilmember Dumont stated that the pad had been poured underneath the recycling bin. Motion to Approve Monthly Activity Reports for February 2026 as presented: (A) Executive Summary (B) Financial and Expenditure (C) Municipal Court; (D) Police (E) Maintenance; (F) Building (G) Code Enforcement and; (H) Animal Control was made by Councilmember Salvato with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 4/0.

Statutory Agenda - *The purpose of this section is to have full discussion upon request by the Tool City Council. Ideas, thoughts and decisions are formulated by City Council and staff plans, operations, policies, and/or future projects, including the following:*

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13. Discuss and Take Action on a variance request by Betina Miller of 1331 N. Tool Dr. to erect a new metal building, in accordance with Ordinance 2023-06A, Highway 274 Façade Standards. Motion to Take Action on a variance request by Betina Miller of 1331 N. Tool Dr. to erect a new metal building, in accordance with Ordinance 2023-06A, Highway 274 Façade Standards was made by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Failed due to the lack of a second.
14. Discuss and Take Action to approve the 2025 Racial Profiling Report as presented by the Chief of Police. Chief of Police Walker presented the 2025 Racial Profiling Report and determined that the City of Tool did not take part in racial profiling. Motion to Approve the 2025 Racial Profiling Report as presented by the Chief of Police was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Stykes. Motion Passed 4/0.
15. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to enter into an agreement with Pathways Physicians Texas, PLLC for the purposes of a telehealth consultations for the City of Tool as presented by Greg Figueroa. Matt Spallas of Pathways Physicians Texas, PLLC presented this item along with Councilmember Figueroa highlighting the process of signing up for the service and its associated costs, the company background and security of protecting medical records and concluded by discussing the agreement terms along with the six month free trial period of the service as provided by Pathways Physicians Texas, PLLC for the purposes of telehealth consultations. Councilmember Dumont inquired regarding the trail period of the agreement in regard to using a part of the free trail period in getting information regarding the program out to the citizens. Mayor Bennett inquired the city administration's costs in getting this project going along with the terms of the agreement. Motion to Take Action to enter into an agreement with Pathways Physicians Texas, PLLC for the purposes of telehealth consultations for the City of Tool subject to the discussed amendments was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Dumont. Motion Passed 4/0.
16. Discuss, Review and Take Action on bids for bank depository services for the City of Tool, as presented by the City Administrator. City Administrator Kizzee stated that since both of the bids received previously for this item were missing an item that was deemed not material in nature, the bid could be awarded without restarting the bid process. City Administrator Kizzee stated that the bid received from Simmons Bank along with the bid received from Prosperity Bank both missed an item in their bid that was deemed not material in nature. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that the City Attorney was the one who provided the advice in regard to the bids received for banking services for the City. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that he would recommend that the City Council select Prosperity Bank as the winner of the bid for bank depository services for the City of Tool. Motion to Award depository services for the City of Tool to Prosperity Bank as presented by the City Administrator was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Stykes. Motion Passed 4/0.

Ordinance Readings

17. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to repeal Section 21 of Ordinance 2024-10, Parks and Recreation, as presented by Tommy Salvato. Mayor Bennett stated that she was not in favor of event holders in the park

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not being required to have event insurance if the event would be listed as a special event. Mayor Bennett continued by stating that she did not know of anywhere else that would allow special event holders to not obtain special event insurance. Councilmember Stykes stated that he felt that special event insurance should be required. Councilmember Salvato stated that he felt that there should be insurance requirements depending on the event size and concluded by stating that the city had the ability to determine risk variability. Mayor Bennett stated that she did not feel comfortable leaving the city staff responsible to determine risk variability and that if an event holder did not want to obtain insurance for an event, they would need to come before the City Council and ask for a variance not to have to obtain Special Event insurance. Councilmember Figueroa stated that since the City of Tool had insurance for the Eight at Tool Park, why would an event holder need to provide insurance for an event highlighting that if someone were to be injured in the Eight at Tool Park, they would sue the City of Tool anyways. City Administrator Kizzee stated that in respect to insurance requirements depending on the event size and event type, additional clarifications would need to be agreed on by the City Council. Councilmember Figueroa inquired if the current insurance policy for the Eight at Tool Park allowed coverage for non-city events to which City Administrator Kizzee stated that the insurance policy only covers City of Tool events. Councilmember Stykes stated that most organizations already had insurance for events. Councilmember Figueroa stated that by requiring insurance for events, it creates additional barriers for event holders at the park. Mayor Bennett stated that she did not feel that it would be fiscally responsible to not require insurance for event holders at the park and concluded by stating that she felt that this was an attempt to change policies for one organization who wants to hold an event in the park. Motion to Table the repealing of Section 21 of Ordinance 2024-10, Parks and Recreation, as presented by Tommy Salvato to allow time for additional research was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Stykes. Motion Tabled 4/0.

18. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on a reconsideration to amend Ordinance 2026-02, Capital Improvement Fund, as presented by Mayor Vera Bennett. Mayor Bennett stated that she, along with Councilmember Figueroa, worked on cleaning up the language in this ordinance in regard to its broadness of use. Mayor Bennett concluded by highlighting the proposed changes to the ordinance which included removing the section that would allow for the City Administrator to make an expenditure from the account, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, without Tool City Council approval. Councilmember Figueroa stated that the language was cleaned up, however the spirit of the agreement was still the same. Motion to Approve the reconsideration to amend Ordinance 2026-02, Capital Improvement Fund, as presented by Mayor Vera Bennett as amended with the discussed amendments was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 4/0.

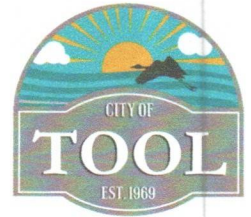
Resolution Adoption

19. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to Adopt Resolution 2026-02, Texas SmartBuy Program. City Administrator Kizzee presented this item highlighting that this resolution would allow the City of Tool to become a part of the Texas SmartBuy BuyBoard. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that this item was brought to him by the Police Department since this vendor is a preferred vendor to obtain police supplies through the state of Texas. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-02, Texas SmartBuy Program was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 4/0.

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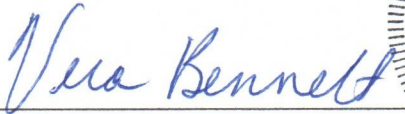
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20. **Council Comments** - *Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy from the Mayor, Councilpersons, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.*
- A. Councilmember Dumont thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
 - B. Mayor Bennett discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt event at The Eight at Tool Park, thanked Councilmember Dumont for his family's donation of easter eggs for the event and concluded by thanking everyone for coming to the meeting.
 - C. Councilmember Salvato thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
 - D. Councilmember Figueroa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
 - E. Councilmember Stykes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
21. **Future Agenda Items** - *The Council may request items to be placed on a future agenda at this time. No discussion or deliberation of the items may take place at this time, other than a determination of Council consensus to direct staff to place the item on a future agenda.*
- A. None
22. **Closing**
- A. Next Meeting: April 16th, 2026
 - B. Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 4/0. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:04 p.m.

A meeting that is “open to the public”, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, is one that the public is permitted to attend. The act does not entitle the public to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda. If the City Council, during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, should determine that an executive session is required, then such executive session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the Council at the date, hour and place given in this notice, concerning but not limited to the following sections and purposes of the Act: 551.071 Private consultation with the city's attorney; 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property; or, 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the City Council regarding any matter considered in such executive session, then the final action, final decision or final vote shall be in the open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting.

I certify that the above notice of meeting, a true and correct copy, was posted on the bulletin board in front of Tool City Hall prior to the required 72 hours, and that the city's official newspaper was notified.


Vera Bennett, Mayor



Attest:


Kimberley Price, City Secretary