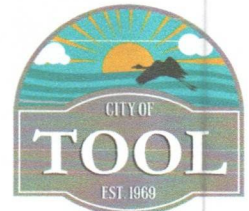


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1. Call to Order @ 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Bennett, Dumont, Figueroa, Salvato, Sayre, Stykes. Sayre present via Zoom. Quorum was established with Mayor Bennett Presiding.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Declare, if any, Council's Conflicts of Interest
 - A. No Known Conflicts of Interest from Present Council Members
5. **Appointments, Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions**
 - (a) Discuss and acknowledge Henderson County Sheriff Botie Hillhouse for the county's cleanup efforts throughout the City of Tool. City Administrator Julius Kizzee thanked Sheriff Botie Hillhouse for his cleanup efforts throughout the City of Tool and concluded by providing him with a certificate of appreciation.
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. Micheal Fladmark spoke on Item Nine and Item Eleven during the time of Item Nine and Item Eleven being discussed
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 Report for the Maintenance Department and Animal Control highlighting road repairs and the eight animals that were taken to the Humane Society of Cedar Creek Lake.
 - B. Building Technician Heath Hamaker highlighted a slowdown in new construction permits due to the weather.
 - C. City Clerk Alicia Keith discussed the upcoming City Trash Off.
 - D. City Secretary Kimberley Price presented an overview of the court monthly statistics which included how many cases were opened and closed in the court.
 - E. Police Lieutenant Jason Lee presented an overview of the police monthly statistics which included the amount of warnings versus citations issued.
 - F. City Administrator Julius Kizzee presented the Financial Expenditure Report along with his Executive Summary Report and highlighted the following: the Maintenance Barn Project back underway since the approval of the engineered plans, accepting applications for the Eight at Tool

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Planning Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission and Tool Economic Task Force, and concluded by welcoming Jenny Kitchen, who is the new City Controller.

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.*

8. Approve Minutes: March 19th, 2026 Regular Meeting and March 20th, 2026 Special Meeting. Motion to Approve Minutes: March 19th, 2026 Regular Meeting and March 20th, 2026 Special Meeting was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Salvato. Motion Passed 5/0.
9. Approve Monthly Activity Reports for March 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. City Administrator Kizzee provided additional information regarding the Maintenance Barn Project. Motion to Approve Monthly Activity Reports for March 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 as presented by the Mayor was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 5/0.

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:*

10. Receive report regarding delinquent tax collections in Tool from FY 2024-2025, as presented by McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen PC, Attorneys at Law (MVBA). Staci Gold with McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen PC, Attorneys at Law (MVBA) presented this item highlighting their accomplishments for the City of Tool since they became the City of Tool's Delinquent Tax Collector. Mayor Bennett inquired regarding tax sales and concluded by requesting additional information regarding the filing of abatement liens on properties. Councilmember Stykes inquired regarding who would make the determination of fair market value during a tax sale of a property. Councilmember Figueroa thanked Staci Gold for a great update.

Ordinance Readings

11. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to adopt Ordinance 2026-04, Parks and Recreation as presented by Councilmember Salvato. Councilmember Salvato stated this ordinance was the cleaned up version of the ordinance from last month in regard to Parks and Recreation. Councilmember Dumont along with Mayor Bennett inquired regarding special events insurance. Councilmember Figueroa inquired if alcoholic beverages were allowed at the park. Motion to Take Action to adopt Ordinance 2026-04, Parks and Recreation as presented by Councilmember Salvato was made by Councilmember Stykes with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.

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12. Consider, Discuss and Take Action on repealing Ordinance 2024-10, Parks and Recreation as presented by Councilmember Salvato. Motion to Take Action on repealing Ordinance 2024-10, Parks and Recreation as presented by Councilmember Salvato was made by Councilmember Stykes with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 5/0.
13. **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 inquired regarding a Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant
 - B. Councilmember Sayre stated that he missed everyone
 - C. Councilmember Salvato thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
 - D. Councilmember Figueroa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and concluded by thanking Staci Gold for coming out to provide an update on the city's delinquent tax collections
 - E. Councilmember Stykes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and concluded by discussing upcoming Eight at Tool events
14. **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
15. **Closing**
 - A. Next Meeting: May 21st, 2026
 - B. Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 5/0. Meeting Adjourned @ 6:52 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.

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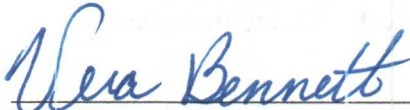
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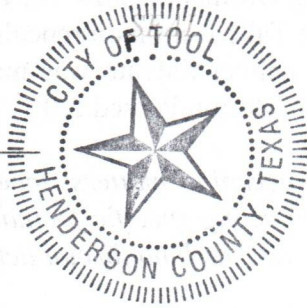
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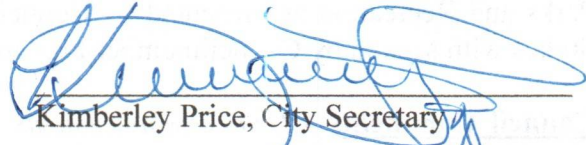
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Attest:


Vera Bennett, Mayor




Kimberley Price, City Secretary