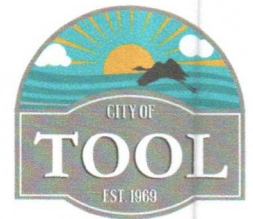


Minutes

June 17th, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.
Special City Council / Budget Workshop Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



1. Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Bennett, Dumont, Figueroa, Salvato, Sayre, Stykes. All Present. Quorum was established with Mayor Bennett Presiding
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Declare, if any, Council's Conflicts of Interest. No Known Conflicts of Interest from present Council Members
5. **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. Stacey Farmer spoke on Item Seven during Citizens Comments
 - B. Tom Hall spoke on Item Seven at the time of Item Seven being discussed
 - C. Michael Fladmark spoke on Item Seven during Citizens Comments
 - D. Diann Carroll spoke on Item Seven at the time of Item Seven being discussed
 - E. Johnny Eldred spoke on Item Seven at the time of Item Seven being discussed
 - F. Casey Watson spoke on Item Seven at the time of Item Seven being discussed
6. **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. City Clerk Alicia Keith discussed the recent blood donation event with Carter Blood Care at the Oran White Civic Center.

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:*

7. General Discussion regarding data centers in the City of Tool. Rita Beving of nonprofit consumer advocacy organization PUBLIC CITIZEN presented a presentation in regard to the effects of data centers to the environment, animals, and people.
8. General Discussion on potential elements for a grant application through Texas Parks and Wildlife, with an August 3rd, 2026 deadline. Councilmember Dumont discussed the upcoming deadline for the grant and requested input from the City Council on which element they would like to apply for. Councilmember Dumont continued by stating that he would like to apply for shades over the playground and additional parking at the park. Mayor Bennett stated that she would also like to see additional lighting in the park. Councilmember Dumont discussed how the grant would be graded and concluded by stating that he felt that requesting funds for shades was the most important. Councilmember Stykes inquired how long of a period would the city have to complete the project if awarded, to which Mayor Bennett stated that the city would have a four-year window to complete the project. Councilmember Stykes inquired regarding

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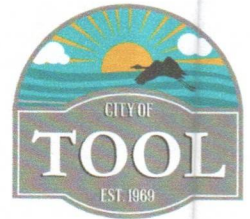


the funding structure and timeline if the grant was awarded to which Councilmember Dumont stated that the city would pay for the project upfront and would be reimbursed as each element was completed. Councilmember Stykes inquired regarding the additional parking for the park to which Mayor Bennett explained the need for additional parking. Councilmember Sayre inquired if the city could apply for a sports complex with the grant to which Councilmember Dumont stated that the city could apply for whatever they wanted to; however, different elements scored differently in regard to the grant. Councilmember Figueroa stated that he would like to see additional parking and a sports field in the park. Councilmember Figueroa inquired if it was better to ask for less items or more items in the grant to which Mayor Bennett stated that the more proposed elements you have in your grant application the better your odds of receiving grant money. City Administrator Kizzee stated that this item would come before the City Council to vote on in July and that he would be proposing that the items listed in the grant application would be for additional lighting in the park, shades to cover the playground at the park and additional lighting in the playground area.

9. General Discussion on the current allocation of the City of Tool's Hotel Occupancy Taxes. City Administrator Kizzee stated that the City of Tool has received \$29,731.31 this fiscal year so far from Hotel Occupancy Tax. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that according to General Counsel of the Texas Hotel Lodging Association and our City Attorney, the city needs to allocate our Hotel Occupancy Taxes, in accordance with Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code, which lists nine categories that the city can spend Hotel Occupancy Tax funds on. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that of the nine categories, the City of Tool can only use four categories and there was minimum and maximum spending caps for each category. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that the city does not have money to fulfill the current contract with the Eight at Tool in regard to providing Hotel Occupancy Tax's to assist with events in the park. City Administrator Kizzee stated of the \$52,000.00 the city agreed to give, the city is only able to give approximately \$11,000.00 per Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code, in regard to Hotel Occupancy Taxes. City Administrator Kizzee stated that while he wants to honor the contract, now that the city has been informed in regard to what you are authorized to do with Hotel Occupancy Taxes, he can not give funds that go against what is outlined in Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code. Councilmember Figueroa stated that a convention center would be a good use of Hotel Occupancy funds and would be a great thing for the lake community.
10. Receive, Consider and Discuss the first draft of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the City of Tool, as presented by the City Administrator. City Administrator Kizzee provided his first draft of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. City Administrator Kizzee highlighted a proposed Equipment Replacement Fund that would allow for the replacement of current and future equipment for the Police Department and the Maintenance Department. City Administrator continued by stating that this fund would help the city budget for bigger purchases over the course of a few years instead of budgeting for big purchases that would take up a large portion of a single budget. City Administrator Kizzee continued by discussing that in regard to Senate Bill 1851 and setting the Tax Rate, the city would only have the ability to raise the tax rate to the no new revenue rate since the city is currently out of compliance in regard to auditing. City Administrator Kizzee continued by discussing that the

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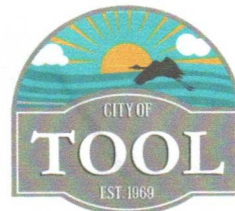
certified property values would arrive by July 25th and it would be at that time he could present a more concrete budget. Councilmember Figueroa stated that he felt that the creation of this fund may be redundant but agreed that it would help with future budget purposes. Mayor Bennett stated that the Capital Improvement Ordinance was amended to include purchases of this type already. Councilmember Figueroa stated that the budget was for operating expenses and that the Capital Improvement Fund was for balance sheet assets and bringing economic development to the city. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that vehicles for example should be a monthly payment that comes from the general budget and not the Capital Improvement Fund for the investment of deals that could create more money for the city. City Administrator Kizzee continued presenting the different funds the city currently had and what could be spent from each fund. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that he will have a better idea of the proposed budget going into the next budget workshop since he will have appraised home values back by that point. City Administrator Kizzee concluded by explaining the budget and tax rate timeline and deadline processes.

11. **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. All Councilmembers and Mayor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today
12. **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. Councilmember Dumont requested the resolution for the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant be on the next agenda
 - B. Mayor Bennett requested that a resolution in regard to the objection of data centers be on the next agenda
 - C. Councilmember Figueroa requested that an ordinance requiring a special use permit for data centers be listed on the next agenda
13. **Closing**
 - A. Next Meeting: June 18th, 2026
 - B. Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn at 3:00p.m. was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0. Meeting Adjourned @ 3:00p.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,

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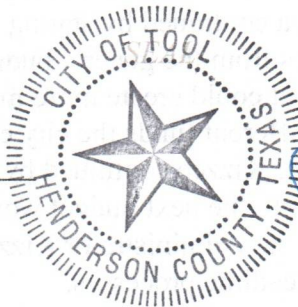


final decision or final vote shall be in the open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting.

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.

Attest:

Vera Bennett, Mayor



Kimberley Price, City Secretary