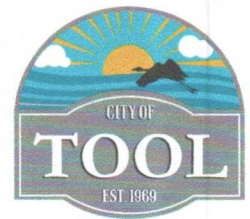
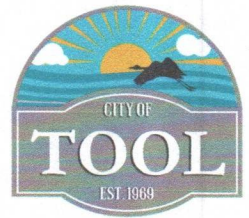


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1. Call to Order @ 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Bennett, Dumont, Figueroa, Salvato, Sayre, Stykes. All Present. Quorum was established with Mayor Bennett Presiding.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Declare, if any, Council's Conflicts of Interest. No Known Conflicts of Interest
5. **Appointments, Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions**
 - (a) Consider, Discuss and Take Action on applications received for the Eight at Tool Planning Committee, Tool Economic Task Force and Planning and Zoning Commission. City Administrator Julius Kizzee presented this item highlighting that Jennifer Baker has applied to serve on all the committees listed and that Casey Watson along with Michael Fladmark had applied to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Jennifer Baker was present and gave a brief overview of her experience and concluded by discussing why she thought she would be a good fit to serve on these committees. Michael Fladmark was present and gave a brief overview of his experience and concluded by discussing why he thought he would be a good fit to serve on additional committees. Motion to Approve Jennifer Baker to join the Eight at Tool Planning Committee and the Tool Economic Task Force along with approving Casey Watson, Jennifer Baker and Michael Fladmark to join the Planning and Zoning Commission was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.
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. Stacy Farmer spoke on Items 13 and 14 during Citizens Comments
 - B. Wendy Harper spoke on Items 13 and 14 during Citizens Comments
 - C. Johnny Eldred spoke on Items 13 and 14 during Citizens Comments
 - D. Kimberly Stratta spoke on Items 13 and 14 during Citizens Comments
 - E. Debra Thomas spoke on Item 13 during Citizens Comments
 - F. Ben Adams spoke on Item 13 during Citizens Comments
 - G. Marsha Goforth spoke on Item Six
 - H. Dale Price spoke on Items 13 and 14 during Citizens Comments
 - I. Glen Christy spoke on Item Six
 - J. Michael Fladmark spoke on Items 13 and 14 during Citizens Comments
 - K. Gary Duncanson spoke on Item 13 during Citizens Comments
 - L. Debra Thomas spoke on Item Six at the time Item Six was discussed
 - M. Ronald Young spoke on Item 10 at the time Item 10 was discussed
 - N. Harlod Watson spoke on Item 10 at the time Item 10 was discussed
 - O. Pam Watson spoke on Item 10 at the time Item 10 was discussed
 - P. O. West spoke on Item 10 at the time Item 10 was discussed
 - Q. Jacqui Moses spoke on Item 10 at the time Item 10 was discussed
 - R. Debra Luton spoke on Item 10 at the time Item 10 was discussed
 - S. Dusty Durhorn spoke on Item 13 and Item 14 at the time Item 13 and Item 14 were discussed

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- T. Diann Carroll spoke on Item 13 at the time Item 13 was discussed
- U. Tom Hall spoke on Item 14 at the time Item 14 was discussed

Mayor Bennett at this time read off the Citizen Comments that were submitted via email to the City Secretary prior to the Council Meeting.

- A. Stacy Mullikin – Item 13
- B. Laurel Wood – Item 13 and Item 14
- C. Marilyn Moore – Item 13 and Item 14
- D. Kimberly Greenfield – Item 13 and Item 14
- E. Alli Pozezniak – Item 13 and Item 14
- F. Susan Gothard – Item 13 and Item 14
- G. Rebecca Cravey – Item 13
- H. Gay Moore – Item 13 and Item 14
- I. Steve Ray – Item 13
- J. Tammy Colegrove – Item 13
- K. Charlie Terrell – Item 13
- L. Suan and Dan Corhan – Item 13 and Item 14
- M. Larry Pillers – Item 13
- N. Gilbert Betts – Item 13 and Item 14
- O. Pam Johnson – Item 14
- P. Cameron Zak – Item 13 and Item 14
- Q. Karen Pillers – Item 13 and Item 14
- R. James Drennan – Item 13 and Item 14
- S. Robb Webb – Item 13 and Item 14
- T. Christine Seel – Item 13
- U. James Drennan – Item Six
- V. Janet Pennington – Item 13 and Item 14
- W. Roberta Carroll – Item 13
- X. Laura Triana – Item 14
- Y. Shari Mohl – Item 13
- Z. Amy and Cory Richards – Item 13 and Item 14
- AA. Ken Wajerski – Item 13
- BB. David Jolly – Item 13
- CC. Rhonda Denman – Item 13
- DD. Pam Verner – Item 14
- EE. Rebecca Smith – Item 14
- FF. Bart Smith – Item 14
- GG. Mary Adams – Item 13 and Item 14
- HH. Ross Rosser – Item 13
- II. Louise Brockman – Item 13 and Item 14
- JJ. Madeleine Lucas – Item 13 and Item 14
- KK. Kerry Shannon – Item 13 and Item 14
- LL. Ken Kerr – Item 13
- MM. Kathleen Mackey – Item 13

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Motion to Move Item 13 and Item 14 before Item Seven was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Dumont. Motion Passed 5/0.

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.*

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: June 17th, 2026 Special Meeting and June 18th, 2026 Regular Meeting.
Motion to Approve Minutes: June 17th, 2026 Special Meeting and June 18th, 2026 Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.
9. Approve Monthly Activity Reports for June 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. All departments provided a quick overview of their Monthly Reports. City Administrator Kizzee provided an update in regard to the Maintenance Barn Project, his recent training on Truth in Taxation along with the City Secretary and concluded by discussing the ongoing park grant meetings. Councilmember Stykes inquired regarding Auto Fuel being over budget, Mayor Bennett inquiring regarding the loan payment for the Mini excavator that was purchased for the Maintenance Department and Councilmember Salvato inquired regarding if a building permit for M&M BBQ had been issued for their concrete slab to which City Administrator Kizzee stated that a permit had not been issued to M&M BBQ for a concrete foundation. Motion to Approve Monthly Activity Reports for June 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 Dumont with second by Councilmember Sayre. 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. Consider and Discuss speed deterrents along Plantation Drive in the Lakeway Estates subdivision, as presented by Councilmember Tommy Salvato. Councilmember Salvato stated that there had been two vehicular events in the subdivision and that is why he felt that it needed to be placed on this month's agenda. Councilmember Salvato continued by stating that the issue at hand was an impairment issue and not a speed issue around the curve. Councilmember Salvato continued by stating that something was needed to stop or a redirect a car if it goes off the road. Councilmember Salvato continued by stating that this matter was possibly life or death if someone were to run off of the road and hit a home or a propane tank that is in the yards of some citizens. City Administrator Kizzee presented the options that were

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provided from Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and explained costs associated with the presented options. Councilmember Sayre stated that a section of Planation Drive goes directly towards a propane tank on a resident's property. Councilmember Sayre stated that he agreed with Councilmember Salvato's idea of the need of speed deterrents on Plantation Drive. Ron Young, who is a property owner on Plantation Drive was invited to speak in regard to the incidents that have taken place on his property to which he explained that two times people have ran off the road and ended up damaging his property. Ron Young concluded by discussing how he is worried that if someone runs off the road on another section of his property, they could hit his above ground propane tank which could result of loss of life and property. Mayor Bennett inquired what a possible solution to this issue could be to which City Administrator Kizzee again discussed the possibility of using TXDOT approved barriers in the Right Of Way (ROW). Councilmember Figueroa inquired if a grant was available that would allow the city to have the propane tank buried that was on Ron Young's property. Mr. Dotson, another resident located on Planation Drive, stated that while he empathizes with Ron Young, there are more things to be considered as well. Mr. Dotson stated that he was also worried regarding the speed of the curve and cited that the curb on Plantation Drive was, in his opinion, a dangerous curve. Mr. Dotson continued by stating that additional lighting along with reflective striping would help in the area before and after the curve. After further discussion, all council members agreed that more discussion was needed to find the best solution.

11. Action to Order the November 3rd, 2026 City of Tool General Election for the purpose of electing Three (3) Council members each for a term of two years. Motion to Order the November 3rd, 2026 City of Tool General Election for the purpose of electing Three (3) Council members each for a term of two years was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Stykes. Motion Passed 5/0.
12. Discuss and Take Action to enter into the Interlocal Agreement from Henderson County for the November 3rd, 2026, General Election. Motion to Take Action to enter into the Interlocal Agreement from Henderson County for the November 3rd, 2026, General Election was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Dumont. Motion Passed 5/0.
13. Consider, Discuss and Adopt changes to the Appendix A: Schedule of Uses allowing a specific-use permit designation for a data center, in B-2, I-1 and I-2 zoning districts throughout the City of Tool, as presented by Councilmember Greg Figueroa. Mayor Bennett stated that this item could not be voted on tonight since it was not posted in the newspaper. Mayor Bennett continued by stating that this whole experience had been a learning curve. Councilmember Figueroa stated that his idea to allow a specific use permit was taken out of context. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that he too was against data centers. However, guardrails needed to be in place and continued by stating that he agrees with the resolution that was put forth by the Mayor in regard to data centers. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that he would like to see the strongest ordinance to restrict data centers. Councilmember Figueroa concluded by stating that he recommend that Item 13 be tabled until more research could be done on this item. Councilmember Dumont stated that this item would have to be tabled tonight and that stricter guardrails, not just ceremonially in the form of a resolution, was needed in

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effectively blocking data centers. Councilmember Figueroa stated that he did not have intentions of a specific use permit for data centers and recommended that a change to the zoning would be a more effective way to go forward in regard to data centers. Motion to Table Item 13 on Agenda was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0. Councilmember Salvato stated that everyone should be assured that this City Council was serious in wanting to keep out data centers.

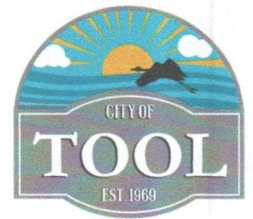
Mayor Bennett called for a five minute break @ 7:14 p.m. Meeting was reconvened 7:21 p.m.

Resolution Adoption

14. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to adopt Resolution 2026-03, Data Centers, as presented by Mayor Vera Bennett. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2026-03, Data Centers, as presented by Mayor Vera Bennett was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.
15. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to adopt Resolution 2026-04, Local Park Grant Application, as presented by Mayor Vera Bennett and Councilmember Mike Dumont. Councilmember Dumont stated that this was a housekeeping item to allow the grant application to be submitted. Councilmember Dumont concluded by presenting his recommended changes to Section Five of the resolution. Motion to Action to adopt Resolution 2026-04, Local Park Grant Application, as amended by Councilmember Dumont was made by Councilmember Stykes with second by Councilmember Saye. Motion Passed 5/0.
16. **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 and concluded by stating that Tool says “no’ to data centers
 - B. Councilmember Sayre thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
 - C. Mayor Bennett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for all of the citizens’ comments
 - D. Councilmember Salvato thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reaffirmed that the City Council was on board for no data centers. Councilmember Salvato concluded by discussing an upcoming fundraising event for the Library at Cedar Creek Lake.
 - E. Councilmember Figueroa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and concluded by stating that solving problems that protect life and safety were important.
 - F. Councilmember Stykes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

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17. **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 Figueroa requested that an ordinance be drafted that would ban data centers

18. **Closing**

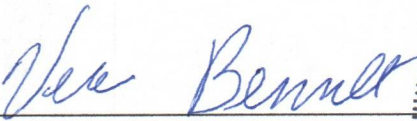
A. Next Meeting: August 20th, 2026

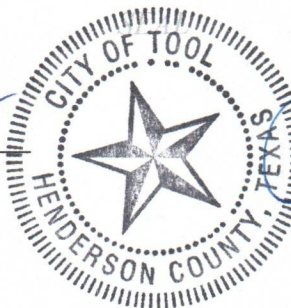
B. Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn at 8:33 p.m. was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:34p.m.

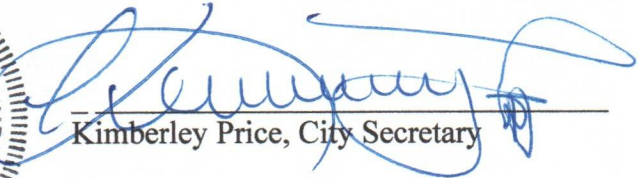
A meeting that is “open to the public”, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, is one that the public is permitted to attend. The act does not entitle the public to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda. If the City Council, during the course of the meeting covered by this 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.

Attest:


Vera Bennett, Mayor




Kimberley Price, City Secretary