

Minutes

July 17th 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



1. Call to Order @ 6:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Bennett, Dumont, Figueroa, Fladmark, Sayre, Stykes. All Present with Mayor Dumont Presiding.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Declare, if any, Council's Conflicts of Interest. No Known Conflicts of Interest for present Councilmembers.
5. **Appointments, Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions**
 - (a) Receive status reports from the Tool Fire Department, Fire Chief Rodney McClain. Fire Chief Rodney McClain was absent, so Mayor Dumont skipped this item.
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. Vicki Dumont spoke on Items 10, 11, and 15
- B. Marsha Goforth spoke on Item 10 during the discussion of the Agenda Item
- C. David Moses spoke on Item 15 during the discussion of the Agenda Item
- D. Tommy spoke on Item 15 during the discussion of the Agenda Item

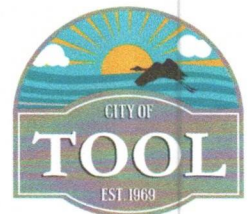
Consent Agenda - *Approval of Consent Agenda items authorize each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the consent agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Council present at this meeting.*

7. Approve Minutes: June 18th Regular Meeting. Councilmember Fladmark requested updates to Items 9, 14, and 16 in the Minutes. Motion to Approve Minutes: June 18th Regular Meeting as amended was made by Councilmember Fladmark with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 5/0.
8. Approve Monthly Activity Reports for June 2025 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 Julius Kizzee presented his Executive Summary and highlighted the results of the Signal Warrant Study, from the Texas Department of Transportation.
 - Councilmember Stykes inquired regarding budget line item 5350 regarding road materials
 - Councilmember Fladmark inquired regarding budget line item 5510-06 regarding water for the park

Motion to Approve Monthly Activity Reports for June 2025 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 Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.

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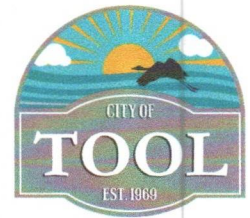


Statutory Agenda - *The purpose of this section is to have full discussion upon request by the Tool City Council. Ideas, thoughts and decisions are formulated by City Council and staff plans, operations, policies, and/or future projects, including the following:*

9. Receive and discuss an update regarding Phase 1 of the Eight at Tool Park Construction, as presented by Councilmember Vera Bennett. Councilmember Bennett presented costs for each element of the park and stated that the rough total cost to build the park was \$1,727,000.00. Councilmember Bennett continued by stating that \$750,000.00 was paid for by matching grant funds through Texas Parks and Wildlife Division, \$750,000.00 was paid for by the City of Tool, and the remaining of funds was obtained through fundraising efforts. Councilmember Bennett continued by stating that there are still funds currently in the Park Construction bank account and the Eight at Tool bank account. Councilmember Bennett concluded by stating that Phase One of the park construction is almost completed and that the outstanding items are very small. Councilmember Sayre inquired regarding the cost of the parking lot at the Park to which Councilmember Figueroa stated that more trails were completed than originally planned to be. Councilmember Fladmark inquired if it was time to close the Park Construction bank account and if the remaining funds in the account were nonrestrictive in their uses.
10. Discuss and Take Action to allocate funds from the Park Construction Account towards the remodel of the Tool Police Department. City Administrator Kizzee stated that there was currently \$36,759.47 left in the Park Construction Account. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that \$32,000.00 could be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund and the remaining \$5,000.00 be left in the Park Construction account. Mayor Dumont stated that he felt that the \$36,759.47 should be left in the Park Construction account. Councilmember Bennett stated that she agreed with the Mayor that the money should be left in the Park Construction account. Motion to allocate funds from the Park Construction Account towards the remodel of the Tool Police Department was made by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Failed due to a lack of a second.
11. Review bids and award the bid for RFP 2025-02, Paradise Bay Subdivision Drainage Phase 1A, for a bid amount of \$48,750.00. Councilmember Figueroa stated that this item needed to be approved and move forward and that the City Council needed to do something now. Councilmember Fladmark inquired regarding an itemized bid tabulation and concluded by inquiring if we could award a bid on a non-itemized bid tabulation. City Administrator Kizzee stated that the city did not received a bid tabulation from the preferred vendor but did receive a scope of work. Councilmember Fladmark discussed both attached bids and inquired if payment would be received as each street is completed. Councilmember Bennett stated that no money should be paid up front and that payment would be provided in stages of the project. City Administrator Kizzee discussed the bid opening process. Councilmember Sykes inquired how many projects Raymond's Concrete had done for the city in the past. Motion to Award the bid for RFP 2025-02, Paradise Bay Subdivision Drainage Phase 1A, for a bid amount of \$48,750.00 was made by Councilmember Sayre with second by Councilmember Stykes. Motion Passed 3/2. Councilmember Bennett and Councilmember Fladmark opposed.
12. Authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary contract documents for RFP 2025-02, Paradise Bay Subdivision Drainage Phase 1A. Motion to Authorize the City Administrator to execute

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all necessary contract documents for RFP 2025-02, Paradise Bay Subdivision Drainage Phase 1A was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.

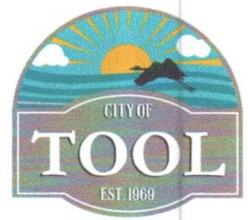
13. Discuss and Take Action to enter into the Interlocal Agreement from Henderson County for the November 4th, 2025 election. Motion to Take Action to enter into the Interlocal Agreement from Henderson County for the November 4th, 2025 election was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Fladmark. Motion Passed 5/0.
14. Action to Order the November 4th, 2025 City of Tool General Election for the purpose of electing One (1) Mayor and Two (2) Council members each for a term of two years. Motion to Order the November 4th, 2025 City of Tool General Election for the purpose of electing One (1) Mayor and Two (2) Council members each for a term of two years was made by Councilmember Stykes with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.

Ordinance Readings

15. Discuss and Take Action on first reading, to Adopt Ordinance 2025-05 to Order a Special Election on November 4th, 2025 permitting voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" a Proposition to Authorize the creation of the Tool Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of 1/2 of one percent for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district. Councilmember Figueroa stated that more research would be needed for a Municipal Development District. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that the City Council can currently due Chapter 380 Agreements and there is no reason to rush this. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that if needed, a Special Election in May could be called if needed. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that a Municipal Development District was a good idea, however, it needed to be flushed out and a larger territory for the proposed district should be considered. Councilmember Bennett stated that three people in Lakeway Estates made a petition in favor of a Municipal Development District. Councilmember Bennett continued by stating that this item should be on the election in November 2025. Councilmember Bennett continued by stating that the City Council had had many workshops regarding this topic, so it has not been a rushed item. Councilmember Fladmark stated that this item should not be put on the ballot and that the City Council needed to do more research on this item. Councilmember Stykes inquired how the funds raised from a Municipal Development District could be used to which Councilmember Fladmark stated that the funds could only be used in the areas that are in the Municipal Development District. Motion to Rescind this item from the Agenda was made by Councilmember Stykes with second by Councilmember Fladmark. Motion Passed 5/0. City Secretary Kimberley Price stated that the motion made by the City Council was against parliamentary procedure since you can not rescind an item off the Agenda after discussion had been had on the item. After Amendment, Motion to on first reading, to Adopt Ordinance 2025-05 to Order a Special Election on November 4th, 2025 permitting voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" a Proposition to Authorize the creation of the Tool Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of 1/2 of one percent for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district was made by Councilmember Fladmark. Motion Failed due to the lack of a second.
16. **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*

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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. Chief of Police Robert Walker discussed the recent hiring of officer LaQuentin Bowens to the department.
- B. City Administrator Kizzee discussed the upcoming Budget Workshop, upcoming Business Symposium and working alongside City Controller Kimberly Kroha in calculating the Tax Rate Worksheet.
- C. City Secretary Kimberley Price provided information regarding the upcoming November General Election

17. **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 Fladmark thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and concluded by discussing the “Park Your Shoes” fundraiser.
- B. Councilmember Sayre thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- C. Councilmember Bennett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated that she was in favor of a Municipal Development District and believed in listening to the citizens. Councilmember Bennett concluded by stating that more research in regard to the Municipal Development District would be done.
- D. Councilmember Figueroa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and discussed the upcoming Cedar Creek Parrot Head Poker Run.
- E. Councilmember Stykes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- F. Mayor Dumont thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and concluded by discussing the upcoming business symposium.

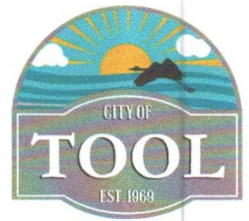
18. **Closing**

- A. Next Meeting: August 21st, 2025
- B. Adjourn @ 7:39 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

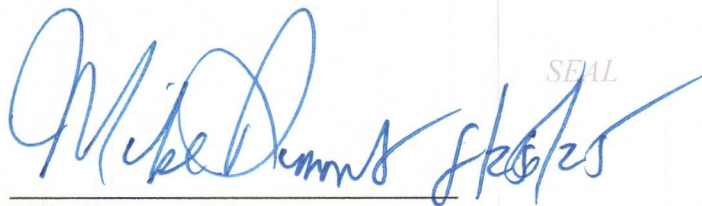
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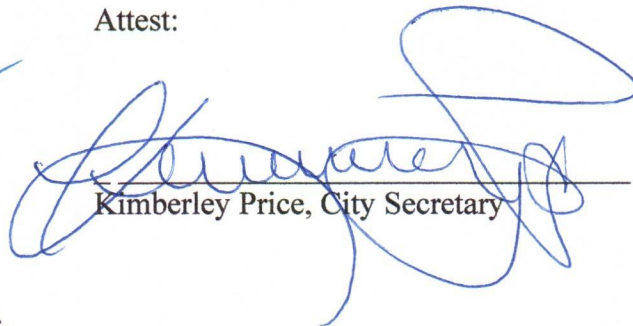


Private consultation with the city's attorney; 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property; or, 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. Should any final action, final decision or final vote be required in the opinion of the City Council regarding any matter considered in such 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.


Mike Dumont, Mayor

Attest:


Kimberley Price, City Secretary

