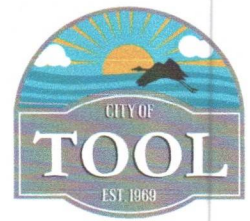


Minutes

October 16th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



1. Call to Order @ 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Bennett, Dumont, Figueroa, Fladmark, Sayre, Stykes. All Present. Quorum was established with Mayor Dumont Presiding
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. Declare, if any, Council's Conflicts of Interest. No Known Conflicts of Interest from any Present Member

5. **Appointments, Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions**

(a) Receive status reports from the Tool Fire Department, Fire Chief Rodney McClain. Fire Chief Rodney McClain was not present, so Mayor Dumont chose to skip 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. Marsha Goforth spoke regarding the upcoming Eight at Tool Tool-O-Ween event

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.*

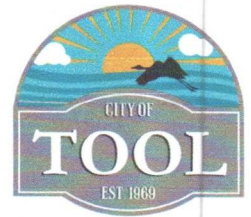
7. **Open, announce the time and conduct a public hearing to receive testimony on the following:**

- Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 p.m.

8. Discuss a variance request by BG and Judy Pierce of 1411 Carol Lane, to encroach the front setbacks for the construction of a carport, in an R-1, Residential District. BG Pierce was present and presented his variance request. Councilmember Fladmark inquired if there was a current permit for this project to which Building Technician Heath Hamaker stated that Mr. Pierce had attempted to pull a permit in August, however, there was confusion on the contractor's side for obtaining the permit. Councilmember Bennett stated that the building was nice and that since Mr. Pierce owns the surrounding property, he would not bother his neighbors. Mr. Pierce stated that the contractor had mistaken registering as a contractor as applying for a permit and that once the error occurred and was made known, a permit was requested. Mr. Pierce concluded by stating that he would not start a project without applying for a permit.
9. Discuss a variance request by BG and Judy Pierce of 1411 Carol Lane, to encroach the side setbacks for the construction of a patio cover, in an R-1, Residential District. BG Pierce was present and presented his variance request. Councilmember Fladmark inquired regarding a fence on the property and whether Mr. Pierce had intentions of replating his property.

Minutes

October 16th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



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

- Public Hearing was closed at 6:13 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.*

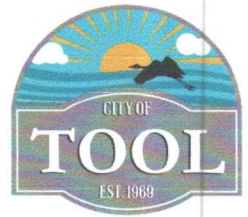
11. Approve Minutes: September 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Fladmark submitted his requested changes to City Secretary Kimberley Price prior to the meeting. Motion to Approve Minutes: September 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting as amended was made by Councilmember Fladmark with second by Councilmember Bennett. Motion Passed 5/0.
12. Approve Monthly Activity Reports for September 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 highlighting the following: the remodel of the Tool Police Department, the Paradise Bay Subdivision Drainage Phase 1A Project, the Maintenance Barn project, the new West Cedar Creek MUD lift station, and the City of Tool's "Neighborhood-A-Week" program for maintenance. Councilmember Fladmark requested additional information regarding the West Cedar Creek MUD lift station, the City of Tool's "Neighborhood-A-Week" program and concluded by requesting an update for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance for the ramp that leads into City Hall. Councilmember Figueroa inquired regarding the Capital Improvement Fund transfer and the Fiscal Year End over/under financials. Councilmember Fladmark requested that a short description be added to the cash account report that states what each fund can be used for and that the check listing report show what account each check is being charged to. Councilmember Bennett inquired regarding the water usage in the Eight at Tool park. Motion to Approve Monthly Activity Reports for September 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 as presented was made by Councilmember Sayre 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:*

13. Discuss and Take Action on a variance request by BG and Judy Pierce of 1411 Carol Lane, to encroach the front setbacks for the construction of a carport, in an R-1, Residential District. Motion to Approve a variance request by BG and Judy Pierce of 1411 Carol Lane, to encroach the front setbacks for the construction of a carport, in an R-1, Residential District was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.
14. Discuss and Take Action on a variance request by BG and Judy Pierce of 1411 Carol Lane, to encroach the side setbacks for the construction of a patio cover, in an R-1, Residential District. Motion to Approve a variance request by BG and Judy Pierce of 1411 Carol Lane, to encroach the side setbacks for the construction of a patio cover, in an R-1, Residential District was made

Minutes

October 16th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



by Councilmember Bennett with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 5/0.

15. Consider, Discuss and Take Action to enter into an agreement with i3 Verticals for the purposes of Municipal Court software. Court Clerk Stacy Hamaker presented this item highlighting that the presented agreement was a five-year agreement renewal on existing software. Motion to Take Action to enter into an agreement with i3 Verticals for the purposes of Municipal Court software was made by Councilmember Fladmark with second by Councilmember Stykes. Motion Passed 5/0.
16. Receive an update regarding the Paradise Bay Subdivision Drainage Phase 1A Project. Councilmember Sayre presented the update for this project. Councilmember Figueroa inquired regarding a drainage plan for the city citing the need for one to use as a base for a bid. Councilmember Fladmark discussed the Proposition Four Water Bill and concluded by stating that if the proposition were to pass, it would provide funding for rural areas from state resources.
17. Consider and nominate five candidates, in accordance with Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, to serve on the Henderson County Appraisal Board of Directors. Mayor Dumont presented this item and highlighted the need for the City Council to select up to five candidates to nominate for the Henderson County Appraisal Board of Directors. Councilmember Fladmark stated that Councilmember Figueroa currently sat on the Board of Directors and asked for him to provide information on what the members of the Henderson County Appraisal Board of Directors do in their roles. Councilmember Figueroa stated that as a board member of the Henderson County Appraisal Board, the board provides general governance, assists in budget preparation and stays up to date on changes in tax law. Motion to Nominate Michael Fladmark and Vera Bennett to serve on the Henderson County Appraisal Board of Directors was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 3/0. Councilmember Bennett and Councilmember Fladmark abstained from voting.

Resolution Adoption

18. Consider, Discuss and Take Action, on first reading, to Adopt Resolution 2025-06R, Official City Newspaper. Mayor Dumont presented this item highlighting that selecting an Official City Newspaper was an administrative function that is done at the start of each fiscal year. Motion to on first reading, to Adopt Resolution 2025-06R, Official City Newspaper was made by Councilmember Sayre with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 5/0.
19. Consider, Discuss and Take Action on Resolution 2025-07R, CDBG-MIT Funding, and select planning and management service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Communities Program (RCP) funding administered by the Texas General Land Office. Mayor Dumont along with City Administrator Kizzee presented this item highlighting that this bid was for a plan that would implement modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that staff was presenting the two bids received from GrantWorks, Inc. and Langford Community Services. City Administrator Kizzee continued by stating that staff, and the Mayor, recommend using GrantWorks Inc. for the work based on the quality of bids. Motion to Take Action on Resolution 2025-07R, CDBG-MIT

Minutes

October 16th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



Funding, and select planning and management service provider(s) to complete application and project implementation for the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Communities Program (RCP) funding administered by the Texas General Land Office was made by Councilmember Stykes with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.

Executive Session

20. Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (2) sections:
- Section 551.074 to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief of Police.

- The City Council convened into executive session at 7:09 p.m.

21. Reconvene in open session and take any action necessary resulting from executive session.

- The City Council reconvened from executive session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion to re-sign a five-year contract with Chief Walker was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Sayre. Motion Passed 5/0.

22. **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.*

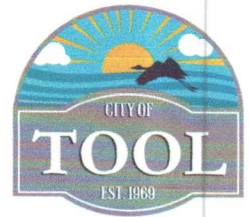
- City Administrator Kizzee congratulated Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal
- City Secretary Price discussed upcoming election information and concluded by congratulating Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal

23. **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.*

- Councilmember Fladmark thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, highlighted the upcoming election and concluded by congratulating Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal
- Councilmember Sayre thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and congratulated Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal
- Councilmember Bennett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, congratulated Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal and concluded by discussing upcoming Eight at Tool Park events

Minutes

October 16th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting
Oran White Civic Center
701 N Tool Drive
Tool, TX 75143



- D. Councilmember Figueroa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, congratulated Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal and concluded by discussing his new business opening in Seven Points
- E. Councilmember Stykes thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and congratulated Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal
- F. Mayor Dumont thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, congratulated Chief of Police Walker on his contract renewal and concluded by stating that this would be his last Council Meeting as the Mayor

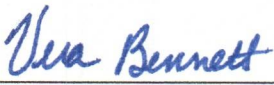
24. Closing

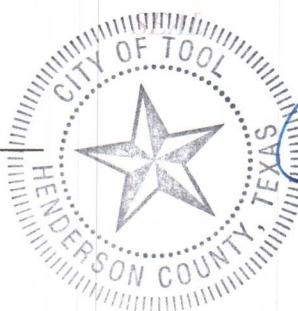
- A. Next Meeting: November 20th, 2025
- B. Adjourn @ 7:58p.m.

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