

Minutes
February 20th, 2020 @ 6:00pm
Regular Council Meeting

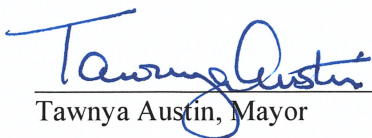
1. Call to Order @ 6:02 pm
2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum: Fladmark, M^cDonald, Austin, Hamaker, Sestito and Harrison present. Quorum was established with Mayor Austin presiding.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Austin.
4. Open public hearing to receive testimony on a request by:
 - a. Adolfo Viguerias and Claudia Becerra to replat lots 2 and 3 in block H of the Royal Oaks subdivision creating one 0.30-acre lot; 3-R. Code Officer Lyons stated that this was a compliance replat; no one was present to speak.
 - b. Jana Lynn Short to replat lots 16 and 17 in block 1 of the Lakeway Estate subdivision creating one 0.78-acre lot; 16-R. Code Officer Lyons stated that this for future development; no one was present to speak.
 - c. Tool Cedar Trails, LP to subdivide a 26-acre tract of land situated in the City of Tool and being part of the George Hancock Survey, Abstract 360 into two tracts; one 16-acre tract; Lot 1 and another 10-acre tract unnamed having been deeded to the City of Tool at a meeting December 19th 2019. Gentleman spoke asking that Oak Circle be renamed after Ms. Juroch who previously owned the land. Holly Daniel expressed concerns with the pending development lowering her property values.
 - d. The City of Tool Code Enforcement Officer regarding an unsafe building located at 301 Hillcrest of the Arnold Hills subdivision reputedly owned by MADDING FRANCES ESTATE. Code Officer Lyons gave overview of the property. The abatement process of this property has been ongoing since 2014 and that he has picked it up beginning in 2017. Council took action to demolish all structures on the property at a public hearing in June of 2019 however, prior to scheduling the abatement property ownership has changed and it was the recommendation of the City Attorney to have a second hearing with the new owner. Current owner, Ms. Opal Henson, addressed council stating that she has been working on the property but has money issues and hasn't been able to do it. Council Fladmark asked what the plans were if she were able to tear it down herself. Ms. Henson stated just to keep it mowed until it goes to grandchildren and great grandchildren. Council Harrison explained the lien process and that there is no time limit to repay to repay the lien . Mayor Austin stated that she would still have the amount of time before the demo to do it herself. Council Harrison asked which company she got a cheaper bid from and Ms. Henson said that it was KK Maintenance. Code Officer Lyons stated that KK Maintenance is also who the City has retained to do the property abatement.
5. Close the public hearing and act on the foregoing request by:
 - a. Adolfo Viguerias and Claudia Becerra to replat lots 2 and 3 in block H of the Royal Oaks subdivision creating one 0.30-acre lot; 3-R. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Harrison second by Council Sestito. Motion passed 5/0.
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 - d. The City of Tool Code Enforcement Officer regarding an unsafe building located at 301 Hillcrest of the Arnold Hills subdivision reputedly owned by MADDING FRANCES ESTATE. Motion to move forward on the abatement was made by Council Member Fladmark, second by Hamaker. Motion passed 5/0.
6. Citizen Comments: Citizens wishing to speak on an agenda item must sign up to do so (3 Minute Maximum).

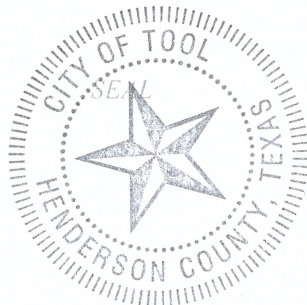


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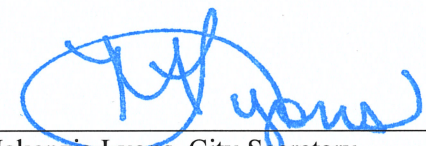
7. Approve Minutes: December 19, 2019, January 11, 2020, January 20, 2020 and February 12, 2020. Mayor Austin stated that a request was made to remove the executive session section number from the December meeting minutes and although the City Attorney confirmed that the minutes were legal as presented that she would honor the request to remove the number. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member McDonald second by Council Hamaker. Motion passed 5/0
8. Approve Consent Agenda Items “A” thru “G”; Monthly Activity Reports for January 2020 as presented: (A) Municipal Court; (B) Police; (C) Financial and Expenditure; (D) Maintenance; (E) Building (F) Code Enforcement and; (G) Animal Control. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Fladmark second by Council Harrison. Motion passed 5/0.
9. Action to adopt Resolution #2020-01R authorizing the publication of “Notice of Intent to issue Certificates of Obligation”. Mayor introduced Financial Advisor Boyd London and Bond Counsel Clark Kimball and informed attendees that the adoption of the sales tax increase at the election last November will generate the additional revenues needed to make the second bond payment. She went on to say that this issuance affords the opportunity to complete the road program this year instead of waiting until 2027 when the current bond pays off. She added that roads are the City’s first priority and if there were additional revenues remaining the City would pursue capital improvements of the municipal buildings. Citizen Roland Napoles expressed concerns about current expenditures and questioned how the City will pay for this bond and whether it will finish the remainder of the roads. Mayor stated that it will finish the road program and possibly improvements to city infrastructure. She went on to say that it would be funded by the sales tax increase of 1% and will not require a tax increase. Council Member Fladmark asked Mr. Napoles when he proposed the second phase of roads to be complete without the second issuance? Mr. Napoles replied, “I don’t know”. Council Member McDonald questioned how we will fund Patrol Units if we do this. Mayor Austin stated that typically these purchases come from capturing new growth in the City. Council McDonald asked the Chief of Police when he expected that we would need to replace cars. Chief Lawhon stated that it would not be for a while and that the average cost of a new unit is \$45K. Council Member Fladmark added that, if the City does not do this issuance now, it will be 10 years before anyone gets roads and will extend debt that much longer. Motion to adopt was made by Council Member Sestito, second by Council Fladmark. Motion passed 5/0.
10. Action to adopt Resolution #2020-02R authorizing the formation of a Keep Tool Beautiful Committee. Mayor Austin said that Councilman Sestito had been heading the committee up and turned the floor over to him. Council Sestito gave a brief description of the program and invited everyone to attend the monthly meetings. Motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamaker second by Council Member Fladmark. Motion passed 5/0.
11. Staff
12. Next Meeting: March 19th, 2020
13. Adjourn @ 7:08 pm.

Passed and Approved this 16th day of April 2020:


Tawnya Austin, Mayor



Attest:


Makenzie Lyons, City Secretary