

# Minutes

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 @ 6:00pm  
Regular Council Meeting

1. Called to Order @ 6:00pm
2. Roll Call: Fladmark, McDonald, Austin, Hamaker, Sestito and Harrison. Quorum was established at with Mayor Austin presiding. Council Member Fladmark was having technical difficulties and joined moments later.
3. Invocation and Pledge led by Mayor Austin
4. Citizen Comments: Citizens wishing to speak on an agenda item must sign up to do so (3 Minute Maximum)
5. Approve Minutes: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Motion to approve, after correcting the year on the minutes, was made by Council Member Sestito, second by Council Member Harrison. Motion passed 5/0.
6. Approve Consent Agenda Items "A" thru "G"; Monthly Activity Reports for April 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 Harrison, second by Council Member Sestito. Motion passed 5/0.
7. Action on a request by Tom and Marie Kovich of 100 Tangle drive to replat lots 1 and 2 of Section III in the Arnold Hills subdivision creating one 0.76 acre lot; 1-R. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Hamaker, second by Council Member McDonald. Motion passed 5/0.
8. General discussion on the contract renewal with Republic Services and changes to recycling; effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. City Secretary Lyons highlighted the changes to the new agreement which included a five year contract instead of two, a weekly bulk pick up option being added and transitioning from curbside pick up to bin recycling that will be available seven days a week during daytime hours.
9. General discussion on the City's reduction of its Building ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc) Rating. City Secretary Lyons provided Council with ratings from the last three evaluations: In 2000, out of a possible 100 points the City received a zero in both commercial and residential classes. In 2015 the commercial rating increased by 14.96 points and residential by 14.41 points. In 2020 the City's commercial rating jumped to a 75.41 out of 100 and a 72.31 in the residential class out of a possible 100 points. City Secretary Lyon stated that the report attributed the increase to the City's adoption and enforcement of up to date codes, the City's ability to demonstrate strict uniform building processes and local employment for both departments. She added the increased rating would be reported to the national database for insurance and should support a decrease in homeowner policy rates.
10. General discussion on the adoption an ordinance to regulate the use of golf carts in the City of Tool. Mayor Austin stated that, in speaking with TML regarding new law that governs the registration of Golf Carts, many inconsistencies have been found and for that reason, it was her recommendation to postpone consideration.
11. General discussion on the adoption of new regulations for the assessment & collection of Hotel Occupancy Tax. City Secretary Lyons informed Council that the City's current HOT Ordinance is outdated and in need of revision and sought Council's feedback on what tax rate, between 3 and 7 percent, that they would like to set. Mayor Austin explained that the tax is restricted use and would have to be spent on something that would attract people to the city to stay the night for and it would have to bring hotel revenue to the city. She suggested that the City consider the adoption of a 7% rate. Council agreed that if there was a need and proper use of the tax for our City that an amendment and rate change would be good.
12. Action to schedule a hearing to receive public testimony regarding a request to designate Bounty View and Scenic as one-way streets. General discussion regarding citizen response both in favor and against took place as well as whether there was a need for the change. Council asked that we ascertain the number of residents that would be impacted with this decision before scheduling a hearing and that we entertain the idea of circulating a petition. Mayor Austin called for a motion; item died due to lack of motion.

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13. Action to schedule a hearing to receive public testimony on a request by Rayburn Electric to approve a specific use permit for the proposed construction of an electrical substation and communication tower. Representatives for Rayburn Electric were present and explained that Rayburn is the wholesale arm of TVEC, and that TVEC would like Rayburn to build the substation here to increase stability for local customers. General discussion took place regarding how long construction would take, what kind of traffic it would bring to the area and if other substation locations has been considered that were not in the middle of a residential area. The representative stated that they do have other locations in residential areas and that they have ways of concealing to help it fit better into the area. Motion to set the hearing date for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the next regular meeting so long as it could be held in person and not via Zoom was made by Council Member Sestito, second by Council Member McDonald. Motion passed 5/0.
14. Discuss and take action to award a contract based on bid proposals received for public road improvement, contingent upon contractor reference check and acquisition of required bonds. Mayor Austin opened discussions explaining the bid process and recapping the bids submitted. Council questioned if the lowest bidder had history with the City and asked about their responsiveness and reasonability. Maintenance Supervisor Martin explained that the low bidder was the same company that did our previous road projects, that they were very familiar with the roads in our City, that they have been very responsive and have gone above and beyond to warranty previous road work. Mayor Austin recommended that Council award to the lowest bidder, Texana who came in at \$1.37 / sq. ft. on Scope#1 and \$1.24 / sq. ft for Scope#2. Motion to award the bid to Texana was made by Council Member Harrison, second by Council Member Sestito. Motion passed 5/0.
15. Action to discontinue services with the City's current audit firm, Yeldell, Wilson, Wood and Reeves and retain the services of Misty Culpepper, CPA, PLLC for Annual Audited Financial Statements as well as a quarterly General Ledger and QuickBooks review; effective October 01<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Motion to approve was made by Council Member Sestito, second by Council Member Fladmark. Motion passed 5/0.

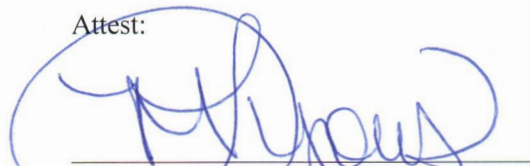
### Closing

16. General discussions - Staff & Governing Body. Mayor Austin discussed reopening City Hall during the COVID19 pandemic and asked for thoughts. The consensus was to allow one person in lobby at a time, to have hand sanitizer readily available, to clean counters after each customer, and mark standing lines 6 feet apart for those waiting outside. The tentative date to reopen was stated to be June 01<sup>st</sup>
17. Next Meeting: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
18. Adjourned @ 7:43pm.

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Tawnya Austin, Mayor

Attest:

  
Makenzie Lyons, City Secretary