

Minutes

April 20th, 2023

@ 6:00pm

Regular Council Meeting

1. Call to Order @ 6:04pm
2. Roll Call: Fladmark, Dumont, Lawhon, Brasfield, Figueroa, and Holley. Brasfield Absent. Fladmark joined at 6:15pm in person. Quorum was established with Mayor Lawhon presiding.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Citizen Comments:** Citizens wishing to speak on an agenda item must sign up to do so (3 Minute Maximum)
 - a. Tawnya Austin spoke regarding Item 6E stating that the Civic Center should be available free of charge for non-profit groups and that only event rentals should be charged a fee for use.
5. **Consent Agenda** - *Approval of Consent Agenda items authorizes 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.*
 - a. Approve Minutes: March 16th 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve minutes from the March 16th 2023 Regular Meeting was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Dumont. Motion Passed 3/3. Councilmember Fladmark was not present during this vote. Mayor Lawhon moved that Item #8 be discussed first then continue with Item #5B.
 - b. Building/Code Official Lacosta Davis gave an update on Short Term Rentals, the Family Dollar/ Dollar Tree project and an update on 1216 S Tool Drive. Motion to approve the Monthly Activity Reports for March 2023 was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Dumont. Motion Passed 4/4.
6. **Statutory Agenda** - *The purpose of this section is to have full discussion upon request by a member of the Tool City Council present at this meeting while formulating City Council and staff plans, operations, policies, and/or future projects, including the following:*
 - a. City Administrator Julius Kizzee explained the application process and signage for this item. Councilmember Dumont inquired about the permit fee for this program and expressed his concern for the liability to the city for this program. Councilmember Holley asked City Administrator Kizzee about the cost of signage and the duration that the signage would be being in place. Councilmember Fladmark provided some insight on how the City of Tyler, Texas manages their Adopt-A-Road Program. Councilmember Figueroa stated that he would like to see city streets be cleaned up first then move to cleaning up Highway 274. Motion to Table the Adopt-A-Road Program was made by Councilmember Figueroa with second by Councilmember Dumont. Motion Tabled 4/4.
 - b. Councilmember Dumont stated that more discussion was needed for this item. Councilmember Figueroa stated this Ordinance would kill development and is a bit aggressive and that more discussion is needed on this item. Councilmember Holley stated that he did not want to be viewed as the tree police. Motion to Table item until the Council Workshop was made by Councilmember Fladmark with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Tabled 4/4.
 - c. Maintenance Supervisor Frank Martin presented two quotes for the Emergency Sirens. The cost of each siren was between \$125,000 and \$175,000. Councilmember Figueroa stated that the city needs the Emergency Sirens, but we do need to gather more information and look into applying for grants. Maintenance Supervisor Frank Martin concluded by providing information about the free emergency app Code Red. Motion to Table until we have more information regarding cost was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Tabled 4/4.
 - d. City Administrator Kizzee presented the Bid Tabulation on the Oran White Civic Center Renovation stating that the total cost was \$125,015. City Administrator Kizzee stated that the purchase of two new AC units at \$21,000 was the driving cost of the project.

Motion to accept the report as written was made by Councilmember Dumont with second by Councilmember Figueroa. Motion Passed 4/4.

- e. Councilmember Figueroa stated that he felt the Civic Center should be viewed as a gift for the community. Councilmember Figueroa continued by stating that if the Civic Center is being used for a civic or non-profit group, the use of the civic center should be free of charge. Councilmember Figueroa concluded by stating that only events such parties should be charged a rental fee for the building. Councilmember Holley inquired who managed the use of the Civic Center. City Administrator Kizzee stated that the City Clerk is responsible for that task, but since that position is currently vacant, the City Secretary is responsible for that task. Councilmember Holley stated that he felt that a \$200 Deposit for the Civic Center for a private event was fair. Councilmember Dumont stated that \$50 a day was fair for the rental fee.

7. **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. No Comments

8. **Staff Comments** - Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries 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. Court Clerk Stacy Hamaker discussed the importance of following Appear By Dates for Court and that you must appear in person on or before your Appear By Date. Police Chief Robert Walker stated that by having a police motorcycle for the department, it is not only good for its intended purpose, which is to run traffic, but it is also a wonderful PR tool for both the department but as the city as a whole. Chief Walker concluded by giving an update on the audit that was conducted by the State of Texas for the Dispatch Department.

Closing

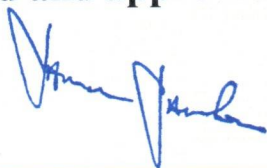
- 9. Staff
- 10. Next Meeting: May 18th 2023
- 11. Adjourn @ 7:27 pm.

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 with regard to 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.

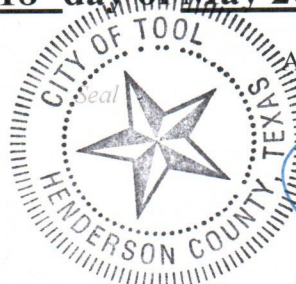
"Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the citizens comment section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers must sign up with the City Secretary to speak and shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff is prohibited. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Tool. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. 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."

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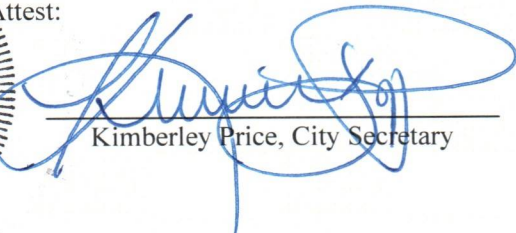
Passed and approved this 18th day of May 2023.



Tommy Lawhon, Mayor



Attest:



Kimberley Price, City Secretary