

CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS

December 2, 2003

The Tontitown City Council met in regular session December 2, 2003 at the city hall. Those present were: Dan Watson, Mayor; Frances Franco, Recorder/Treasurer; Leon Zulpo, Arthur Penzo, Henry Piazza, Kenny Green and Vanessa Sbanotto, all aldermen; Steve Sabo, Building Inspector; and David Sbanotto, Water Superintendent. Alderman Ken Robertson was absent.

Minutes and financial statement were read and approved. Regular monthly bills were approved for payment. Also approved for payment was a bill from Springdale Auto Supply for \$69.47; Trans America Tire for \$156.42; Bedford Camera & Video for 74.73; and Today's Office for 162.93.

The Mayor asked for any comments from the citizens in the audience. Elda Stockton spoke for Lena Stockton, saying that Lena's water meter cannot be turned off, and that her water bill went from \$9.00 to \$41.00 a month, and she would like to have the meter checked.

Carl Gales told the council that they are getting started with the North City water line. They are starting at the intersection of Barrington and Baker. They have been flagging and the pipe has been delivered. Pipe should go in the ground soon.

Work has started on priority 6 and 9 water line south of town. Candy started working on the easements. We have more work that needs to be done.

Carl Gales reported that he and the Mayor went to the Dayton, Ohio area to check two wastewater plants. They were very impressed with these plants, and with the homes that were build next door to the plants. An odor was almost non-existent. The first comment period for the district's discharge permit has ended. The only response was from the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers group, which was expected. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is expected to issue the draft discharge permit in the near future, and after a 30 day comment period they will issue the discharge permit. Osage Basin is moving forward.

Candy has been working on easements for the Tontitown Collection system. When we finish the preliminary engineering, our loan entity will consider all three at the same time, Tontitown, Highfill, and Osage Basin. There are two parcels that we do not have permission on, Mark Zulpo is one, and Martin's is held up in probate.

The road project for Millsap road has been started. They have cleared all the trees and have started work on the road bed.

Resolution #108, Water Department Budget for 2004 was presented for approval. The budget reflects a raise of around 20% from Springdale Water Dept. for water we will purchase in 2004, and a 10% raise in water rates for our users. After discussion Ken Green made a motion to accept the budget as presented, second by Arthur. Motion carried.

An application was received from the ABC board in Little Rock asking for comments concerning the application from Connie Blagg, Red Dog Salon & Grill at 2298 W. Henri DeTonti Blvd. for a beer and wine permit. They will be serving Cajun food and dancing will be permitted. They will be closed Sunday. After some discussion it was found that this is not a business as yet. The health department has not given their approval for food to be served in this building, and they have not spoken to anyone at the city. Henry made a motion that we table this until we can look into it further, or until a business has been established, second by Arthur. Motion carried.

The second application from ABC for comments was from Miguel Torres at 1395 E. Henri DeTonti Blvd. for an application for beer and wine. The same situation occurs here, there is no business established. Arthur made a motion to table this until the business is open, second by Leon. Motion carried. The Mayor will notify the ABC of our decision.

The engineering work is completed for the fire station warning lights to be installed on highway 412. The plans were presented to the council. They have been approved by the highway department. Henry made a motion to advertise for bids for this sign to be installed, second by Leon. Motion carried. Carl Gales will get this published in the paper.

The Mayor reported that the cities of Tontitown and Highfill will share a \$25,000 grant. These monies will be shared equally by the cities and used for construction projects associated with the Osage Basin Wastewater district. The District has been designated to receive a \$50,000 grant.

The Mayor handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2004 for the council members to look over to see if changes need to be made before it is approved. Henry told the council that he had seen some trash barrel holders that he thought would be nice for the park. He had no idea how much they might cost, but he wondered if they should be included in the budget.

Leon asked about a pay raise for all the council. The Mayor suggested that rather than a raise he would prefer to hire a part time clerical person to help the Recorder/Treasure and himself and have City Hall covered full time. Henry said that he didn't think the council members needed a raise, but he did think that the Recorder/Treasurer should have a raise. The Mayor said he had not included money in the budget for a raise. Leon said that his suggestion is that we raise the Recorder/Treasurer's salary from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per month. The Mayor said he would add some money in the budget.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Green, second by Leon. Motion carried.