

Mayor – Paul Colvin Jr.
City Clerk – Alicia Collins
City Attorney – Slinkard LawFirm
City Engineer - Terry Carpenter



Ward 1 Position 1– Joseph Edgmon
Ward 1 Position 2– Henry Piazza
Ward 2 Position 1—Arthur Penzo
Ward 2 Position 2—Larry Ardmeagni
Ward 3 Position 1—Rhonda Doudna
Ward 3 Position 2—Tommy Granata

City Council May 5, 2015 Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, located at 235 East Henri De Tonti Boulevard, Tontitown, Arkansas.

1. Meeting Call to Order
Mayor Colvin
2. Roll Call
All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
Vote Passes
5. Approval of City Council Minutes from April 7, 2015
Vote Passes
6. Comments from Citizens
None
7. Old Business:
 - a) Vote on changing sites in Resolution 2006-05-131 Providing for Publication or Posting of Bylaws and Ordinances—Colvin
James received authorization from the management of Orscheln Farm and Home to allow the city of Tontitown to post public bylaws and ordinances.
Motion by Piazza Second by Edgmon Vote Passes
 - b) Vote on Resolution for Security System Contract—Colvin
James reminded the council that we have a contract currently with ADT at 4 locations- city hall, city shop, and 2 of the lift stations. We are letting the contracts run out and will be contracting First Security Systems. The last contract will expire in Oct. 2015; two of them will not be renewed on the lift stations, we will use the Scada System. Adding security to city hall, will have a 3 year contract and cost is reduced by using a new security company.
Motion by Edgmon Second by Doudna Vote Passes
 - c) Review of Approved Barrows & Mussino Planning Projects—James Clark
James- Planning committee approved lot split, both are located on S. Pianalto, both were lot line adjustments.
Motion by Granata Second by Piazza Vote Passes
8. New Business:
 - a) Presentation by Becky Stewart with the Washington Co. Ambulance Authority regarding ambulance service—Colvin

Mayor Colvin has been in contact with Becky Stewart since Jan. 2015 and has had discussions with the City of Elm Springs, City of Johnson and with Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards. As we are aware Springdale is discontinuing our EMS service starting at the first of the year 2016. After contacting 2 other providers and nothing really transpiring from those meetings.

The ambulance authority from where we started in Jan. 2015 has made great strides in reduction of the cost to all the cities.

Becky Stewart is the Chief of Central EMS, they are the ambulance authority for each of the cities and Washington County and conduct themselves as if they were a governmental organization. They have created a packet that gives a breakdown of the numbers.

Tontitown does not have the call volume (400 and up) to support having a 24 hour EMS service. The cost is around \$600,000.00 for the first year and that covers the cost of the ambulance, equipment and some people. The second year is about \$350,000.00 ongoing cost- salaries, maintenance cost. Becky Stewart understands and has heard the concerns of the areas being affected-Elm Springs, Tontitown and areas out west and areas east, Nob Hill, Sonora areas. They understand that the cities and county do not have the funds, but they have come up with a plan that can ease the cost and still receive services.

The cost to put an ambulance in this area of the county (not sure of location) and a night crew is \$189,634.00 this is Tontitown only and that is to hire and train enough people and staff the ambulance by Jan.1, 2016. An ambulance and equipment will also need to be purchased, Tontitown's cost will be around \$14,908.00 per year, same rate per capita in 2016, other cities cost will vary due to 2016 per capita. This is only step 1 and this proposal is doable for all areas affected. After a very lengthy discussion, no vote was taken but a decision will need to be made in a within a few months.

b) Vote on pay Increase for Police Clerk—Colvin

Mary has taken on a lot more responsibilities and deserves to be compensated for the good job she is doing.

Motion by Piazza Second by Edgmon Vote Passes

c) Resolution to Assign the Treasurer Duties to a City Employee—Colvin

Trying to get current treasurer removed is out of the cities hands. The prosecutor is trying to go through a different statute. Tontitown bookkeeper Carl Rabey will take care of the finances.

Motion by Edgmon to approved as amended Second by Penzo Vote Passes

d) Presentation from State Representative Robin Lundstrum on House Bill 1210—Edgmon

Mrs. Lundstrum read a line that was changed regarding contracting a fire dept. section 1 Arkansas code 14-53-101.

“In lieu of establishing its own fire department under this section, the city council by ordinance may enter into a contract or interlocal agreement for city fire protection with an existing fire department certified by the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board”.

Any questions 479-957-1959 regarding this or anything else.

e) Approval for a waiver of fees for a City-wide Garage Sale for 2 days on May 22nd & 23rd—Colvin

Mary is looking into having a city wide garage sale on May 22 and 23rd, 2015. The city is to waive garage sale permit fees for those 2 days and will pay for the ad in the Star Shopper. Garage sale maps will be available.

Motion by Edgmon to waive fees Second by Doudna Vote Passes

f) Contracting for the Updating of the City GIS System—Colvin/Clark

We have GIS desktop, the city also have ARK GIS that was purchased 2 years ago. GIS is a big information tool that needs to be cleaned up and convert to the ARK GIS., only 15% has been converted. Matt Bowen is a resident of Tontitown and is a Tech. that is knowledgeable with these GIS systems has agreed to clean up the GIS. A \$15.00 hour will be paid to get this conversion done it will take about 60-80 hours to transfer.

Motion by Doudna Second by Edgmon Vote Passes

9. Comments from Alderman

Penzo asked Edgmon why he is having another meeting on May 22, 2015 about the debate between TFD and TAFD. Edgmon said because of the referendum. Penzo said, \$175,000.00 has been contracted for fire protection for 2015 verses \$844,000.00 in 2013 and 2014.

Doudna- Reminding everyone of the Planning Board workshop Friday May 8, 215 at 6:00pm.

Edgmon- Thanked 2 young ladies from Harbor High School for coming to the meeting to see city government in action.

10. Comments from Mayor

In reference to the finance committee, Larry is now removed, due to him being a councilman. This is just an advisory committee for the mayor not a legal body.

The city wide trash cleanup was a success and would like to thank the street, water, sewer and fire department personnel for coming out and helping.

Water Dept.-Going forward with S. Pianalto - will bring pricing information hopefully to next council meeting.

James-Need an 8" water line on Klenc and connect to Possa Ln. line, that was installed last year and to go as far as we can go on Kelly and this is in the budget for this year.

Mayor would like to see more fire hydrants on Klenc and will get pricing information and will bring to the C.O.W. meeting.

Sewer- Looking forward with the future cost and what we need to do to keep rates stable. We will get a cost estimate first.

We received state approval to put in a turn signal on 112 intersection. We've had 267 accidents in 2013 and 71 at that intersection, half of that could have been prevented with a turn signal. Statistics are growing do to more traffic. The cost is roughly \$60,000.00. Also, the state is looking onto changing 112. The city is looking into putting in another light further west in hopes to slow traffic down.

Motion by Ardemagni Second Doudna Vote Passes

11. Comments from City Attorney

None

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Penzo Second by Doudna All in favor