

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 June 2, 2015 Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 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**
- 2. Roll Call**
All in attendance

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve by Rhonda Second by Arthur Vote Passes

- 5. Approval of City Council Minutes from May 5, 2015**
Motion to approve by Henry Second by Rhonda Vote Passes

- 6. Comments from Citizens**
Lisa Lovell, 1755 Kenneth Price Road
Jonathon Hanby, 13401 Talley Gate Road
Tracy Stinson and daughter Rebecca, 13336 Kenneth Price Road
Freda Rogers

The above list of concerned residents and supporters are here in reference to a company called Dragon Fly, which wants to build a wind farm consisting of a total of 250 poles with 2 turbines on each pole and a 250,000 square ft warehouse. Rumer has it that if this wind farm fails this property supposedly be converted into a plastics factory, all on 311 acres. This property is part of Washington County.

Washington Co. is considering de-annexing the property, so it will be possible for the City Elm Springs to annex it into their area. The already purchased 311 acers located on Kenneth Price Road would have to rezoned to industrial if this happens. The company Dragon Fly based out of Texas wants to build an experimental wind farm using turbines, the type that sound like plane engines at startup, this is according to residents that live next to them. Currently this area is zoned residential/agriculture. The reason for Tontitown to be concerned is that it adjoins this property and will stop any growth plans to the north and it will also be a financial burden to the city of Tontitown. Residents near and around this property are very concerned of the effects it will have on their livelihoods, for instance property value, noise pollution, wildlife which constantly has to relocate, and the short / long term health issues. At a recent Elm Springs Town Hall meeting residents have written letters and voiced their concerns but this city government plans to approve this rezoning if they get to annex this property in its city limits. Citizens at this meeting did not get thier questions answered because the reps. were very vague on their answers. Contact numbers the company gave were false. When asked who the investors were the company responded that they would not disclose this information. The company Dragon Fly refuses to buy out the residents nor will this company be financially burdened with any road improvements that they are clearly going to damage. This will be the responsibility of the city of Elm Springs and city if Tontitown, told by Dragon Fly reps.

Here is an example of the type of construction traffic that will be traveling back and forth on Tontitown and Elm Springs roads, remember these cities will fit the bill for fixing after construction is completed.

Each pad measures 25'x25'x30' that is 381 yards of concrete per pad, that quals to 1,558 LOADS of concrete, 41 poles just for phase 1. Now you have to factor in the loads of gravel, dirt, building material being hauled in and damaging our roads and bridges that clearly are not designed for this type of traffic and affecting other cities way of life. The turbines measure 25'x75' per pole and there will be 2 on each pole.

These residents desperately need help from Tontitown and Judge Edwards to stop this from happening and protect our peaceful way of life.

7. Old Business:

- a. Review of Approved White, Mathias and D&F Replat & LDS Planning Projects—James Clark/Susan Sedberry

The council was requested to approve the setback variances for the Mathias Large Scale Development on lots 10 and 14 in Maestri Subdivision plus outlot.

Motion to approve by Tommy Second by Rhonda Vote Passes

- b. Discuss Ordinance NO.2015-06-_____ Amending Code 110.05 Business License Fees—Edgmon

Motion to accept new language in ordinance by Henry Second by Joe Vote Passes

- c. Vote on New Resolution NO.2015-06-_____R Allocating the Distribution of the One Percent (1%) City Wide Sales and Use Tax for the City of Tontitown, AR—Colvin

Motion to put 60% to the general fund and allocate funds where needed and 40% to the water

Second by Rhonda Vote Passes

- d. Discuss and Vote on Allowing the Addition of 5 Bank Accounts to Track Specific Funds Per the State Auditors as Well as Approving the New Salary Allocations—Colvin

Two separate discussions:

#1-Payroll clearing account, Deposit clearing account, 2 separate bank accounts to track 833 funds for fire and police, and one the NACA.

Motion to setup 5 new checking accounts by Joe Second by Rhonda Vote Passes

#2-Add Mary with the percentage 10% water and 10% Sewer.

Approval of the Salary Allocations and be retroactive as of Jan. 01, 2015.

Motion to accept by Tommy Second by Joe Vote Passes

- e. Discuss and Vote on FOIA Policy and Procedures—McCormick
Tabled
Will bring back to the C.O.W.

- f. Vote to Lower Speed Limit to 30mph on S. Mantegani--Doudna

Motion to approve by Rhonda Second by Henry Vote Passes

8. New Business:

- a) Vote on Ordinance NO.2015-06-____ An Ordinance Amending Tontitown Municipal Code Section 51.04; And For Other Purposes. This will fix typographical errors in the original ordinance with respect to the schedules—Colvin

A rate scheduling error was made (State tax 6%- outside city limits 6.5%). Need to fix typographical error and will bring back at later date.

Motion to dispense the rule to be read on 3 diff. occasions by Rhonda Second by Larry Vote Passes

Motion to adopt ordinance by Larry Second by Henry Vote Passes

- b) Discuss the TAFD Audit--Edgmon

Joe- Wants the city council to approve a legislative audit on the TAFD, due to the fact TAFD received city funds.

Mayor suggest that Joe get with Judy the accountant for TFAD and bring back accurate information to the C.O.W meeting. Joe accepts.

9. Comments from Alderman

Tommy- Need to enforce agenda deadlines, to eliminate changes being made to agendas prior to meetings, so council members are better prepared.

Need to get grader and get ditches cleaned out.

Arthur- Agrees with Tommy about the cleaning of the ditches.

Christy Lane was wondering if the city would put some gravel on this lane and trim some trees on the right of way. James will look into it.

Larry- Good job on trimming roads

Rhonda- Thanks everyone for attending city meeting. Please come out and vote on the fire dept. issue Tues. June 9, 2015 7:30 to 7:30

Joe- Come out and vote

10. Comments from Mayor

Those complaints about the water standing in the road, be thankful you do not live south of here.

Got the new mower

Street light update-A list has been turned in, and if anyone knows for a street light that is out please contacts James.

Last minute agenda changes are my fault just wanted to be more accommodating to the councilman.

Councilmen are to turn their items in on time.

Did more grinding on S. Barrington, no accidents to report. Plans for a culvert on the 2nd phase.

Movie in the park sponsored by Mary and the police dept., Gene McCartney is donating all the equipment and gathered up funds to donate to the police dept. for popcorn and refreshments

No date set yet due to weather.

Stop bothering our bookkeeper he is learning new software.

A company is being hired by Waste management and they will be grading the full length of Klecs Road and other areas.

11. Comments from City Attorney

None

12. Adjournment