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Committee of the Whole

April 21, 2015

Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 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
TOMMY
2. Roll Call
ALL IN ATTENDANCE
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Arthur Second by Larry
5. Approval of Previous Month City Council
Tommy wanted Item 5 to say “Approval of minutes for the previous Committee of the Whole meeting”
Motion by Arthur Second by Larry
Vote Passes
6. Monthly Financials
Tommy read 2 statements from the city bookkeeper, Carl Rabey

Statement 1-Profit & Loss for Jan.-Mar 2015 Dated April 3, 2015

Dear Mayor,

This is to inform you that although the city shows a net profit of approx.. 115K that is misleading. The reason that we show a surplus is due to the fact that we transferred 183K into the City to cover PRIOR years projects.

Statement 2-Street Fund Projects started in 2015 and completed in 2015

Dear Mayor,

This is to inform you that although the Street Fund show a current year net loss of approx.. 225K the loss due to projects started in 2014 and completed in 2015 in the amount of 317K. If that amount is factored in the Street Fund shows an actual profit of 62K.

7. Comments from Citizens

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Pam Keeney
214 Old Farmington Road
Farmington, Ar

She is the manager of the Casey's in Tontitown . She wanted to inform the council about some comments that were being made by her customers, in ref. to Joey McCormick.

Captain McCormick was put in a highly difficult position after the prior Police Chief was terminated. Captain McCormick has done a wonderful job with the Police Department and is a good man and highly respected. And she respectfully asked the council stop dragging their feet and appoint Captain McCormick to the position of Tontitown Police Chief. She has a great deal of respect for this man and would like to see this happen.

8. Department Reports

a) Police Department – Captain McCormick

Last month had a huge spike in monthly calls. In the month of Feb. 2015- had 100 calls for service.

In the month March 2015 -286 calls for service

Still a little low in citations compared to last year but still where we should be on activity.

The dept. received 2 compliments

1)-An officer received a call of a person in a parking lot having issues, come to find out she had a family member pass away and was dreading having to tell the rest of the family. The officer accompanied the lady to the address to help her with this task. Later the family called dispatch and let them know how grateful they were on how he handled himself.

2)-An officer was checking the doors to the Gates Corp. he slid cards under the doors to inform them the doors had been checked. It took about a hour to check this huge building. The manager and some employees have complimented the dept. on this service.

Also, this month the dept. seized 26 grams of meth. On 2 separate arrests. One was on the news (officer is now a T.V. star) he did a great job, he followed the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) and handled business. Officer was a little sore after fighting with the suspect until backup arrived. The officer fought continuously for 6 mins., 6 mins. is a long time to fight.

Moving on -17 light poles were turned in for repair

The dept. got approval for ACI terminal for squad cars. This is the first step to using our own system instead of using dispatch. Whenever a D.L. needs to be ran officers have to use this shared dispatch service and a lot of the time is busy and officers have to wait. Instead of using pen and paper now the officers will be able to use computer from the squad cars. The paper work has been filed to get this service at no cost.

Another officer has been asked to do some firearms training for other depts., nothing to do with the city paying him.

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No.1 thing that happened this month was a family lost their dog Fancy and Fancy the dog was gone for a week and half. The police dept. was able to reunite Fancy with her VERY GREATFUL Family.

b) **Public Works Department – James Clark**

Down a little on the building dept. in month of March 2015

7-Single family dwellings, none were in the Westbrook Sub. , they were scattered around the area.

6- More have been received for West brook. Should be another good month

Jim Miller and James have been discussing the change for the building codes. They spoke with Terry Carpenter and Jeff Hawkins and we keep getting conflicting information as to start new or make do with what we have. After looking at others cities, Springdale in particular. James recommends to fix what we currently have.

Planning to have a workshop on May 8th, the planning board and council are welcome to attend and go through Chapter 152 and 153 and look at codes.

Street and Parks had a budget of 20,000.00 for a boom mower for the tractor and he doesn't think it's the best bang for the buck. It is his opinion to purchase a gas (diesel is to expensive) zero turn mower. The purchase price for this is around 10,000.00

Henry suggested that some training be provided especially around ditches.

Tommy would like to get a new mower for the park. Boom mowers can do a better job in right a ways and diches.

The city is not in the position to purchase a boom mower this year but will look at the budget for next year.

Mayor wanted the council to be aware of the budget change.

Also, James has been looking into adding a turn signal at the intersection of 412 and 112.

Engineers estimate is 60,000.00 and since it's a light it can be taken out of the street fund. The highway does not have any funds to pursue the project.

James and mayor meet with the reps. Of the State Highway Dept. and talked about the state program and came up with 3 streets to overlay. So, Milsap, Callahan Loop and Dale Rouse Road and will know in Jan.2016 and would receive funds in the summer of 2016. North Ardemagni has had the engineering already done and has plans but need funds to do the dirt work and have drainage, then we could get it on the overlay plan.

Relocating our SCADA System at Sunset. Springdale is allowing Tontitown to tie into Their system and will save us about 10,000.00. This will happen this week.

Tommy- Since the city owns the poles James was asked to look into getting name signs on the city poles at intersections of Maestri and Barrington.

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c) Planning Department – Darrell Watts

We have finalized Chapter 153.092 regarding farm animals. The language was refined and processed in the right form. It was past at last city council meeting.

We have 3 Large Scale Developments- Mathias large scale have been tabled by the petitioner for further review.

3 minor Subdivision and waivers, which were approved with conditions.

The majority of the planning board will be in attendance for the workshop on May 8, 2015.

Jim has been working with Jeff Hawkins to secure training for the board members that NW Arkansas Planning Board is providing. No date has been scheduled at this time.

Susan is looking for a solution for potential renovation upgrades to some property. The board is trying to respond quickly to any issue that arise and are having fun.

Joe commented that he was glad the board decided to fix the zoning instead of starting over.

Darrell responded that the board is not taking the easy route but want to take the logical route.

d) Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Heather Peachee-Ranalli

Becky received great reviews when she represented Tontitown at the 2015 annual AMA conference in Helena, AR on March 30-April.

Museum members meet with James and Henry at the Park Storage Building they worked to discard some items and determine there would be enough storage space at the former bathroom area of the Park Storage Building. James will handle getting the items moved.

The Amici membership renewals have been mailed out and next we are looking to our mailing list for new members.

The board reviewed and finalized the rack card which was made possible by a grant from Arkansas Humanities Council and Department of Arkansas Heritage. Grant deadline is now June 30, 2015.

The board is working with Paolo Battaglia, Daniella Garutti and Guilia Frigieri to provide selected digital images of Tontitown for the Italian American Country book project, 30 photos are requested and may have to waive some of the fees.

Tontitown Heritage Day is May 17, 2015. This year's Theme is "From the Delta to the Hills"

The museum is having parking issues due to the family parties in the park. Would like to have 2 designated spots, with signs and hours info. posted on the signs

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9. Old Business:

a) IT Services – Edgmon

Joe contacted the Municipal Ledge and IT does not fall under professional services and needs to be bidded out. He spoke with Jeff Hawkins and he said the council violated our own law in error and this needs to be corrected and have it bid out because it exceeded over 20,000.00. Rhonda went to the Municipal Ledge back in Jan. 2015 and inquired about this. We are in a contract and asked Joe what his suggestion is to break this contract.

Joe said get with the persons we are in contract with and discuss this problem along with the attorneys.

Tommy said this may be a bigger problem trying to break the contract.

Council is looking into this further and will report at the next C.O.W. meeting.

10. New Business:

a) Discuss Resolution 2006-05-131 Providing for Publication or Posting of Bylaws & Ordinances—Council

James- Orschelns will be taking the place of Valro

Tommy said we need 5 locations for public notices.

The following locations are: Tontitown Z-Mart, Braich Arrow Express, Countryside John Deere, Orschelns Farm and Home, Tontitown City Hall.

Rhonda- need extra lacion will talk to Tontitown Casey's Store

b) Discussion of Security System Contract—Colvin

James and Joey talked about the water/sewer contract with ADT. We have canceled 2 locations with ADT, we have 2 more on a contract, 1 until Sept. 2015 and the other until Oct. 2015, as those expire 1 will be keet the other will be deleted. The 2 lift stations can have a alarm hooked that will notify us be cell phones. Monthly security bill will go from 600.00 to 160.00.

We are going to add more security to the mayor's office do to the location of the office that will be a 36 month contract verses month to month that is being paid now.

Tommy- To enter in a contract it needs to go to council but we are not at that point yet.

c) Discuss Pay Increase for Police Clerk—Colvin

Joey-Mrs. Mary has taken on a lot more responsibility due to being 2 people short. She makes 11.63 and would like to give her 1.00 raise to so our application for all the extra hard work she is doing. That's 40.00 extra a week. Rhonda is to make sure it's in the budget for the next CC meeting

Move to CC meeting.

d) Discuss Appointing Joey McCormick to the Position of Police Chief—Edgmon

Joe would like to move forward with Joey as our police chef.

Rhonda said he has done an outstanding job through all the good and bad and deserves this position.

Arthur and Rhonda asked Joey do you even want the position?

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Joey responded yes

Tommy does want not to make a recommendation to the mayor to hire Joey for this position because it will make the council personally liable and if something was to go south and the council was involved with the hiring lawsuits could follow. Putting Joey in this position is not the councils call, it is strictly the mayors. The mayor is the only one that can hire for this position.

e) Discuss Preference Bidding—Edgmon

Joe wants approval to send a new bill to the attorney to look at the language. The new bill is to allow bidding for smaller businesses to compete for small town bidding.
Tommy suggested to Joe to get with the mayor and have him look into it.

All agreed

f) Discuss Heavy Commercial Traffic Use on Klenc, Dowell & S .Pianalto, moving it to Harmon Rd instead.—Edgmon

Due to a very lengthy discussion of this issue it was decided to be tabled.

Tabled

g) Discuss Speed Limits on 412 W and N. Mantegani—Doudna

Rhonda read a statement form a resident who lives on a curve on N. Mantegani, concerning the 40 mph speed limit. She would like it to be 35mph do to the safety children and past/future accidents.

Tommy suggested looking into led caution light signs.

412- Mr. Clark was asked to look into the possibility of moving of the 45 mhp speed limit signs past Ranallis Feed because of the safety. Joey stated it may give officers time to get speeder them stopped.

11. Comments from Alderman

Tommy -Wants to make sure 10A and 10C are added to CC meeting.

Rhonda- James and Joey are to check on the speeding sign replacement and said the police dept. is doing a great job and thankful for their service.

12. Comments from Mayor

13. Comments from Attorney

14. Adjournment

Motion by Arthur Second by Larry Passes