

Mayor – Paul Colvin Jr.  
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni  
City Attorney –Justin Eichmann  
Law Firm—Harrington-Miller  
City Engineer - Terry Carpenter



Ward 1 Position 2— Henry Piazza  
Ward 2 Position 1—Arthur Penzo  
Ward 2 Position 2—Larry Ardemagni  
Ward 3 Position 1—Don Doudna  
Ward 3 Position 2—Tommy Granata  
Ward 1 Position 1—Gene McCartney

## **City Council May 2, 2017 Minutes**

**The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, located at 235 East Henri de Tonti Boulevard, Tontitown, Arkansas.**

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1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call  
All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda  
Add the following items:  
9I) Rhonda Doudna to oversee the city park beautification  
9J) Approval of a proposal by Chuck Savage Painting for the park  
Henry Piazza made a motion to approve agenda Second by Gene McCartney Motion Passes
5. Approval of City Council Minutes from April 4, 2017  
Motion by Larry Ardemagni to approve April 4, 2017 minutes Second by Don Doudna Motion Passes
6. Comments from Citizens-  
James Larson complimented the Fire and Police Department on a job well done during the severe flooding over the past few days.  
Carl Gales announced that the Washington County Emergency Management Department is involved in collecting information on the damage sustained by the severe weather. Residents and businesses are encouraged to call and report any and all damages they may have received.
7. Approval by City Council Members to Waive the 3 Reading Rule for All Ordinances on Agenda  
Larry Ardemagni made a motion to approve Second by Don Doudna Motion Passes
8. Old Business:
9. New Business:
  - a) Ordinance Designating Places of Posting of Ordinances—Colvin  
No changes, just needed it in an ordinance form.  
Tommy Granata made a motion to approve Second by Arthur Penzo Motion Passes

Public notifications will be posted at the following places:

Tontitown Z-Mart  
Braich Arrow Express  
Countryside John Deere  
Orscheln's Farm & Home  
Tontitown City Hall

Henry Piazza made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause    Second by Arthur Penzo    Motion Passes

- b) **Presentation by Ryan Bowman Regarding the Bond Issue for New Water Line—Colvin**  
Ryan Bowman attended the meeting and answered any and all questions the council had.  
Reference Tontitown’s website audio for questions and answers.

- c) **Ordinance for Calling a Special Election for the Levy of a 0.75% Sales & Use Tax—Colvin**

This will be a temporary tax, once the bonds are paid in full the tax will stop. Connecting to the Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority, also known as “Two Ton”, will insure our city’s water future.

Ryan Bowman said if the council passes this ordinance, a special election will be held on July 11, 2017 for the citizen’s approval.

To help with your decision please read the ordinance that is on the city’s website and if you have any questions please contact city of Tontitown at 479-361-2700.

Ordinance is located as follows:

[www.tontitown.com](http://www.tontitown.com)

City Government tab

City Council-Agenda

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09c – Ordinance call for a Special Election of the Levy of 0.75% Sales & Use Tax

Tommy Granata made a motion to accept ordinance for a special election    Second by Henry Piazza  
Motion Passes Unanimously

- d) **Discuss Authorization for Lawsuit Against Crews & Associates—Colvin**  
Tommy Granata made a motion to approve the Mayor to move forward with the lawsuit    Second by Henry Piazza    Motion Passes

- e) **Ordinance to Approve Changes to Chapter 153—Colvin**  
The Planning Board members have worked diligently to simplify this ordinance and to make it more understandable and more welcoming to those who wish to live or establish a business in our city.  
Special thanks go out to Pat Pianalto for his above and beyond duties to make this ordinance something to be proud of.

Arthur Penzo made a motion to approve changes    Second by Don Doudna    Motion Passes

Arthur Penzo made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause    Second by Gene McCartney    Motion Passes

- f) **Ordinance to Approve Changes to Chapter 152—Colvin**  
Pat Pianalto explained how and why the changes were necessary to Chapters 153 and 152.  
Reference the city’s audio for full explanation.

Arthur Penzo made a motion to accept changes    Second by Gene McCartney    Motion Passes

Arthur Penzo made a motion to approve the Emergency Clause Second by Henry Piazza Motion Passes

- g) Discuss Selection of Professional Services for Planning/Special Projects Consultation—Colvin  
Professional services are not required at all Planning and TAC meetings, a planner can handle some issues where an engineer is not needed. Juliet Ritchey, who worked for Washington County, submitted her qualifications to the City of Tontitown for the position.

Henry Piazza made a motion to accept Juliet Ritchey's qualifications Second by Don Doudna Motion Passes

- h) Ordinance Amending Legal Description of 994 W. Morsani—Colvin  
Arthur Penzo made a motion to accept Legal Description as read Second by Don Doudna Motion Passes

- i) Discuss Contracting Rhonda Doudna for the beautification of the City Park- Colvin  
Rhonda has been volunteering many hours beautifying our park it is suggested that she be paid \$15.00 per hour, for 20-40 hours per month.

Arthur Penzo made a motion to approve Second by Gene McCartney Motion Passes

- j) Approval of Bid from Chuck's Painting for Park Pavilion—Colvin (Added after Meeting Started)  
Arthur Penzo made a motion to accept Chuck's Painting proposal Second by Don Doudna Motion Passes

10. Comments from Alderman

Gene McCartney said he will be meeting with an equipment company to get an estimate for damaged equipment. Chief McCormick is also filing Park Grants.

Arthur Penzo asked about the three houses that were to be moved.  
Arrangements have been made to have the last 2 houses removed.

City employees are working hard to get debris cleaned up after major flooding. This is going to be a long process so residents need to be patient.

Don Doudna thanked the Planning Board for their hard work on Chapter 152 and 153. He also thanked the Fire and Police Department for their services.

The new tractor and boom mower arrived.

Henry Piazza asked if the parking strips in the park could be repainted.

11. Comments from Mayor

Drove the tractor and is having some safety upgrades applied.

Waste Management agreed to pay an additional five cent hosting fee bringing the total to fifty five cents (0.55) that is an extra \$30,000.00 for the city.

Calls during the severe weather

Police department did 28 calls for service in 6 hours.

Fire department did 20 calls for service in 20 hours.

## **9 water rescues**

**Corey Jenison, one of our police officers, was involved in a water rescue. He did not have a rope bag. Thankfully he found a garden hose and was able to tie off with it and had a successfully rescue.**

**A tree hit a sewer line and busted it during the flooding, it has now been repaired and rerouted. A big thank you goes out Joe Clark, Robert Dunlap and Scott Ardemagni for their many hours of service.**

**12. Comments from City Attorney**

**13. Adjournment- Arthur Penzo made a motion to adjourn    Second by Tommy Granata    All in favor**