

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



Ward 1 Position 1-Gene McCartney
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

**Committee of The Whole
March 20, 2018
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown Fire Station located at 141 S. Zulpo, Tontitown, Arkansas.

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1. Meeting Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
All were present
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Approval of Agenda
Don Doudna motioned to approve the agenda Second by Gene McCartney Motion Passes
 5. Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes
Arthur Penzo motioned to approve the minutes Second by Larry Ardemagni Motion Passes
 6. Monthly Financials
Reference the city website for detailed report
 7. Comments from Citizens-None
 8. Department Reports
 - a) Police Department – Chief McCormick
Calls for Service- 424
Traffic Citations- 203
Traffic Warnings- 195

Tontitown has started serving its own warrants and using the city of Elm Springs court.

A suspect fleeing a Tontitown police officer Saturday night ended up crashing his car on Pianalto Road, the suspect fled on foot to a nearby barn. Tontitown police officers and Agar the canine officer tracked the suspect to the barn. The man would not listen to the officers commands to surrender, so Agar was sent in where he subdued the man, this was Agar’s first “Snatch and Grab” and he did his job perfectly. The suspect also had warrants out for his arrest by the US Marshalls Office for trafficking.

- b) Fire Department—Operations Chief Todd Witzigman
February 2018 Report

Number of City calls- 17	Number of Rural calls- 8	Total calls- 25
<u>Call Type</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Rural</u>
EMS	10	4
Fire	1	2
MVA	3	1
False Alarm	1	0

Service Calls	2	1	
Y.T.D. 2018	47	25	Total 72
Y.T.D. 2017	47	26	Total 73

Hose test to be conducted in April.

- c) **Public Works Department – James Clark**
Building/Planning/City Hall:

There will be a public hearing at next week’s regular scheduled Planning Board meeting. The hearing will be for the new version of the sign ordinance. If the ordinance is approved by the Planning Board, it will be on the April Council agenda for approval. Other items on the Planning Board agenda include final plat approval for the Westbrook Subdivision Phase 2 and re-zoning of the Mathias property, which was tabled at last month’s meeting.

Next Tuesday, March 27, the city of Tontitown vs. the City of Springdale court case will be heard by Judge Martin in the Washington County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m.

Street/Parks:

For those of you who ride bicycles to the park, we now have three racks to park and lock your bike. They are located near the old restrooms, the Henry Piazza pavilion and behind the museum.

Water & Sewer:

The water meter changeout that the council approved last month is scheduled to begin April 30th. There should be minimal interruption in the water service to residential customers. Some of the larger commercial customers may have a longer interruption. However, these will be planned with the owner to accommodate their schedule. Just to reiterate, a comment that was made during the sale presentation, many customers will see an increase in the water bill due to having a more accurate meter. Many of the meters currently in use are old and inaccurate.

The water tower project crossed one major hurdle last week when Springdale Water Utilities provided us with a letter of approval. The plans are still with the health department awaiting final approval. The water plans for the water transmission line are also currently at the health department for the initial review.

We have received approval from the highway department to allow tree cutting along the water line route. You will see the cutting take place in the next two weeks, due to bat roosting habitat where no trees can be cut between April and October.

- d) **Planning Department – Dr. Darrell Watts**
 Reported in Item C.
- e) **Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Heather Peachee-Ranalli**
 See website for detailed report

9. Old Business:

- a) **NONE**

10. New Business:

- a) **Presentation by Scott Davis for THM Oral History Project—Cortiana**
 Scott Davis has done history videos for some of the surrounding cities and towns in our area and he is proposing to do a video on Tontitown and about its history. He will need to interview about 30 willing people who would enjoy sharing their memories, stories and pictures with him about their city. This would be a great opportunity to share these memories with others. For more information contact Beverly Cortiana or City Hall.

- b) **Discuss FD Fuel Reimbursements—Granata**
Operations Chief Todd Witzigman with the Tontitown Area Fire Department has asked if the city could help with some of the fuel expense. A lot of T.A.F.D. calls are for inside the city limits and you may have noticed them driving around getting more familiar with the names of the new streets that are being built ,routes for faster response time and training etc..

Reference the city's website for full discussion.

- c) **Discuss Proposed Sign Ordinance Changes—James Clark**
The Planning Board and the city attorney have drafted a Sign Regulations Ordinance, this draft is for the council to review and if you feel that something needs to be changed please contact the Planning Department.

11. Comments from Alderman

- Larry Ardemagni is excited about the video idea.
- Don Doudna welcomed Todd Witzigman. Don asked if we were changing the meeting time back to 7:00 PM. Tommy requested that the time change be added to the agenda for next City Council Meeting.
- Henry Piazza asked who owned the property beside Orscheln Farm and Home because it needs to be cleaned up. James Clark said Brett Hash was the owner.
- Gene McCartney said the city building is coming along. The town is progressing well, with the new water meters and the water tower and water line.
- Arthur Penzo agrees that that T.A.F.D. needs some help with the fuel because of its service inside the city limits.
- Joey McCormick also said that T.A.F.D is helping the city out by doing inspections.

12. Comments from Mayor

13. Comments from Attorney

14. Adjournment- Gene McCartney motioned to adjourn Second by Larry Ardemagni Motion Passes