

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



Ward 1 Position 1-Gene McCartney
Ward 1 Position 2– Amber Ibarra
Ward 2 Position 1—Arthur Penzo
Ward 2 Position 2—Larry Ardemagni
Ward 3 Position 1—Don Doudna
Ward 3 Position 2—Tim Burress

**Committee of The Whole
November 17, 2020
Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Zoom and YouTube visit

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1. Meeting Call to Order

2. Roll Call

All in attendance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve the agenda Second by Amber Ibarra Motion Passes

5. Approval of October 20, 2020 COW Minutes

Don Doudna motioned to approve the minutes Second by Tim Burress Motion Pass

6. Monthly Financials

7. Comments from Citizens

8. Department Reports

- a) Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison
Reference the city website for detailed report.
- b) Fire Department—Operations Chief Todd Witzigman
Reference the city website for detailed report.
Due to the grant stipulation, John Buchan the part time hire will start December 1, 2020.
- c) Public Works Department – James Clark
Reference the city website for detailed report.
To vote on the “Welcome to Tontitown” sign go to the City of Tontitown website.
- d) Planning Department – Dr. Darrell Watts
Included in the Public Works report.
- e) Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Caroline Franco-Ceola
Reference the city website for detailed report.

9. Old Business:

- a) None

10. New Business

- a) Discussion to Purchase Watch Guard Camera-Colvin
Chief Jenison is requesting that the city consider upgrading the Police Departments body and dash camera system. Matt Murski with Watch Guard gave a presentation on how this system works along with some estimates. This system is pricy so, the city and Robin Lunstrum are looking for grant funding that could help with the cost.

Reference the city website for full discussion and detailed estimates from Watch Guard.

Don Doudna motioned to move to the next city council Second by Amber Ibarra Motion Passes

- b) Approval of the 2021 City budget-Colvin

Amber Ibarra motioned to move to the next city council meeting Second by Larry Ardemagni Motion Passes

11. Comments from Council Members

- Don Doudna commented that the council members be more vigilante about wearing masks and social distancing.

12. Comments from Mayor

- **The city is still in a lengthy process with the Department of Emergency Management for the county radios. The purchase price is approximately \$1700.00 per radio and Tontitown maybe short four or five radios because the city has hired more emergency personal, like in the Fire Department and they were not counted at the time the city had to turn in their number to the county. Also, Tontitown would have to replace any radios that are lost or damaged. It still may be the end of 2021 before the county would distribute the radios but this is not a guarantee.**
- **The city has finalized the grant fund for the Cares Act, the city will be given \$97,000.00 from the State of Arkansas. The mayor will be attending a seminar that tells us our next step to getting this money. The city will put this money into the city general fund account, so it can payback what the city has paid out due to covid, like masks, sanitizer, council chambers camera system and more salaries. James Clark is to submit a request, so that the general fund account can pay back the water and street for their purchases made due to covid.**
- **No additional information on the park grant.**
- **The Street Committee needs to set a meeting date ASAP so it can be advertised, also a priority list needs to be turned in by the first of the year, there is estimate of \$100,000.00 in an account, that seems like a lot of money but that will not go far in streets, feel free to use the dissertation as a guide, that was given to us about our streets, contact James Clark if you no longer have that packet. The mayor requested that the Street Committee do not put their street where they live first on the list unless, requested by another other two members. The mayor doesn't want anybody to say that the Street Committee fixed their street first.**
- **The Parks Committee needs to set a meeting date ASAP and turn in a priority list by the first of the year. The city needs guidance on what you would like to have in the park like events, appearance, equipment, farmers market, etc.**
- **The mayor met with Robin Lunstrum and the mayor of Elm Springs in reference to the postal code issues. Senator Boozman is working to get Tontitown its own zip code or last line name change. The mayor also spoke with Tom Cotton about Tontitown getting its own zip code.**
- **The city needs direction on the police, fire and road funding because it takes a lot of money. The mayor said he knew of two ways 1) cut cost 2) raise taxes which he does not want to happen, but there is a third option and that is impact fees on developers and commit those funds to police, fire and roads. The mayor is going to do more research on this option. If anyone has any ideas to help generate more city funding please contact the mayor.**

13. Comments from Attorney

14. Adjournment- Don Doudna motioned to adjourn Second by Amber Ibarra All in Favor