

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—Tommy Granata

Committee of The Whole
January 19, 2021
Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Zoom and YouTube visit <https://zoom.us/j/95097016958>

Meeting ID: 950 9701 6958 or join by phone at +1 (312) 626-6799. When prompted for Meeting ID: 950 9701 6958#
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- By PC, Mac, iOS (iPhone), or Android: Navigate to the “Tontitown City Hall” channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClbUv481CeNFF2JNwoOsrNQ>

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1. Meeting Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
All in attendance
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Approval of Agenda
Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the agenda Second by Arthur Penzo Motion Passes
 5. Approval of December 15, 2020 COW Minutes
Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the minutes Second by Arthur Penzo Motion Passes
 6. Monthly Financials- Reference city website for detailed report
 7. Comments from Citizens- None
 8. Department Reports
 - a) Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison
Reference city website for detailed report
 - b) Fire Department—Operations Chief Todd Witzigman
Reference city website for detailed report
 - c) Public Works Department – James Clark
Reference city website for detailed report
 - d) Planning Department – Rocky Clinton
Covered in Public Works Report
 - e) Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Katherine Karras
Reference city website for detailed report
Add to next City Council Meeting-Approval of the Tontitown Museum Board Member Term Renewal for 2021
 9. Old Business:
 - a) None
 10. New Business
 - a) Discussion of amendments to Chapter 30 –Colvin

The committee discussed amending the following sections;

30.01-Meetings of the Council; Time and Notice

Section A- Strike last sentence

Section B-Line one change 3 to 2 Aldermen

Section E- All city meeting draft hard copy packets are to be ready for pickup by noon the Friday before. Council is aware the packets are subject to change prior to the scheduled meetings.

30.02-Compensation

Section A and B- 3% pay increase to the Mayor and City Clerk effective January 2021.

Section C- Pay increase for each council member per meeting as follows;

Committee of the Whole Meeting change=\$100.00 to \$300.00

Council Meeting- No Change= \$300.00

Special Meeting change (Not schedule on regular meeting) = \$50.00 to \$100.00

The Planning Commission Members pay will automatically change as follows; (Pay increase by half of what the City Council is paid, this was approved in 2019).

Planning Commission Meeting change= \$200.00 to \$300.00

Special Meeting change (Not schedule on regular meeting) = \$25.00 to \$50.00

30.52 City Clerk-Treasurer

Section E- Strike (Schedule a meeting time)

Don Doudna motioned to move changes as discussed to the next City Council Meeting

Second by Amber Ibarra Motion Passes

Move to the next City Council Meeting

- b) Discussion of Interconnect Agreement with Springdale Water Utilities –Colvin
This discussion is in reference to having a water emergency backup agreement with the City of Springdale.
Don Doudna motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting Second by Arthur Penzo Motion Passes
Move to the next City Council Meeting
- c) Discussion of Sidewalk addition to Fletcher Road extension –McCartney
This item will be addressed in one year. This will allow the city to see what building possibilities will be in that area.
- d) Discussion of Purchase of Pumper Tanker Truck for Fire –Colvin
Fire Chief Todd Witzgman approached the council of purchasing a 2,000 gallon tanker this would be most cost effective apparatus to purchase. The city would apply for grants to help with the cost.
Reference YouTube for lengthy discussion.
Larry Ardemagni motioned to Move to the next City Council Meeting Second by Amber Ibarra Motion Passes
Move to the next City Council Meeting
- e) Discussion of Work Release Program –Colvin
The City of Tontitown and Waste Management are working together to help those who have fines with the City of Tontitown. This would help the city reduce the fines owed and help those who are possibly financially strained pay on their fines by coming in on a Saturday to pick up trash, working in the park or where ever attention is needed.
The city is still working on details and pay.
Tim Burress motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting Second by Larry Ardemagni Motion Passes
Move to the next City Council Meeting
- f) Discussion of Bond Extension Election for Water/Sewer Projects –Colvin
The city has a 500,000 gallon water tank but more water storage and water/sewer lines are needed for future growth. The city passed a 1 cent sale tax in 2013 this bond will pay off in 2032 (approximate payoff is 3.2 million) However, this tax will never go away. The mayor discussed with the council a way the city can borrow the extra funds, approximately 6.8 million up to 14 million, at the current low interest rate of approximately 2.5 percent with

no tax increase to the citizens, just a new payoff year of 2046 to 2048. This would allow the city start these projects that are needed. There would be a special election and the citizens would have to vote.

Reference the city website for lengthy discussion.

Don Doudna motioned to move the 10 million dollar proposal to the next city council meeting

Second by Arthur Penzo Motion Passes

11. Comments from Council Members

- Tim Burress thanked the Fire and Police chiefs for their reports and the citizens for attending.
- Gene McCartney commented that the council earned their keep tonight.

12. Comments from Mayor

- The council needs to appoint another Planning Commission Member at next city council meeting.

13. Comments from Attorney

14. Adjournment- Arthur Penzo motioned to adjourn Second by Amber Ibarra All in Favor