

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**  
**February 18, 2021 (Rescheduled from February 16, 2021)**  
**Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Zoom and YouTube visit <https://zoom.us/j/95097016958>

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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:
    - 10e) Discuss salaries for the mayor and city clerk positions
    - 10f) Discuss Drainage Manual
    - 10g) Discuss the wages of the Planning Commission.Tim Burress motioned to approve the agenda                      Second by Arthur Penzo                      Motion Passes
  5. Approval of January 19, 2021 COW Minutes  
Tim Burress motioned to approve                      Second by Don Doudna                      Motion Passes
  6. Monthly Financials  
Detailed report is available on the city website.
  7. Comments from Citizens- None
  8. Department Reports
    - a) Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison  
Detailed report is available on the city website.
    - b) Fire Department—Operations Chief Todd Witzigman  
Detailed report is available on the city website.
    - c) Public Works Department – James Clark  
Detailed report is available on the city website.
    - d) Planning Department – Rocky Clinton  
Detailed report is available on the city website.
    - e) Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Katherine Karras  
Detailed report is available on the city website.

## **9. Old Business:**

- a) None

## **10. New Business**

- a) Discussion of Tontitown/Washington Water Authority Service Boundary –Colvin  
The city of Tontitown and Washington County Water Authority have been discussing extending Tontitown's service area. Tontitown's water lines are available and can service the extended area.
- b) Discussion of Klenc Road Water Line Cost Share –Colvin  
The city of Tontitown has requested that Solomon Properties adjust their plans to the Hickory Meadows development and connect the subdivision to the 8" waterline that is ½ a mile south on Klenc Road rather than where they had planned to connect the line on Kelley Road which is only ¼ mile away. This request will change the length of the line from 1350' to 2750'. The original 1350' of 8" water line cost estimate was \$76,250.00 with 2 hydrants. The new estimate is \$196,500.00 with 5 hydrants, driveway crossing and road boring. The city's cost share estimate would be \$120,250.00. The city feels this would be helpful for future development along Klenc Road and less expensive to do it now.  
Larry Ardemagni motioned to move to the next city council meeting    Second by Tim Burress    Motion Passes  
Amber Ibarra Abstained
- c) Discussion of Mercantile Building Cost Share –Colvin  
The city is trying to negotiate a cost share agreement with the property owner for a sewer line/hookup.  
Amber Ibarra motioned to move to the next city council meeting    Second by Arthur Penzo    Motion Passes
- d) Discussion of Bond Extension Election –Colvin  
This was discussed at the last C.O.W. meeting  
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.  
Arthur Penzo motioned to move to the next city council meeting    Second by Tim Burress    Motion Passes
- e) Discuss the Mayor and city clerk salary positions-  
Tim Burress motioned to increase the mayor position to \$50,000.00 per year and increase the city clerk position to \$15,000.00 per year and to move to the next city council meeting                      Second by Arthur Penzo  
Motion Passes
- f) Discuss Drainage Manual-  
The council is to review the manual and contact Zach Moore with Garver or James Clark with any questions.  
Don Doudna motioned to move to the next city council meeting    Second by Larry Ardemagni    Motion Passes
- g) Discuss Planning Commission pay-  
This needs to be added to chapter 30 or amend the budget. The city will contact the city attorney about an ordinance.

## **11. Comments from Council Members**

- Larry Ardemagni said everyone is doing a good job.
- Arthur Penzo said the sale tax is a lot of money but thinks it's a good idea. And feels it's way past time for a raise for the mayor and city clerk.
- Tim Burress asked the council to reach out to the Planning Commission candidates before the March meeting.
- Don Doudna and Gene McCartney wanted to thank the police, fire and public works departments for their service. Also, wanted to thank the mercantile owner and hope we can work with them.
- Gene McCartney also wanted to thank the Planning Commission applicants for coming.

## **12. Comments from Mayor**

- The change made concerning the zip code was a name change only; the city is still working towards getting its own zip code.
- The plans for the tennis court renovation have been submitted to the state for approval.
- The mayor wanted to thank the city staff for working on the streets due to the bad weather and the police/fire for checking on folks. We are very appreciative for these people and the mayor asked the council to think of them at the next budget meeting. Also, the city had to install a new pump at the Barrington sewer lift station.

## **13. Comments from Attorney**

## **14. Adjournment- Tim Burress motioned to adjourn      All in Favor**