

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

August 17, 2021

Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 17, 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 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 **July 20, 2021**, COW Minutes

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve Second by Arthur Penzo Motion Passes

6. **Monthly Financials**- Reference the city website for detailed report
7. **Comments from Citizens**

Mark Calcagni wanted the committee to know why he opposes the landfill expansion. There are nine subdivisions near the landfill and a new school just opened two miles for the landfill and more population is coming, more traffic and a greater chance of accidents. Also, 1,100 signature have been collected opposing the landfill. Mr. Calcagni is hoping that the council is listening to the people and will do the right thing and vote NO.

Lisa Welton who resides in Springdale voice her concerns about a mask mandate in our school systems.

8. **Department Reports**

- a) **Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison**
Reference the city website for detailed report

Danielle Delille is the city Police Clerk, Warrant Officer and the Farmers Market Director. The past few weeks the city departments have been in competition with each other in a Back-to-School Drive. The new school here in Tontitown was presented with 26,454 school items that were collected by all city departments. Also, the Farmers Market along with Brush Creek Baptist Church collected 60 backpacks for children in need and 76 children were provided with I.D. cards if a child were to go missing, all the parents must do is give this card to an officer and the child's information is immediately sent to the media.

City Hall won the Back-to-School Drive competition, but the kids and the teachers are the real winners. Hopefully this will be a yearly tradition.

b) Fire Department—Operations Chief Todd Witzigman

Reference the city website for detailed report

c) Public Works Department – James Clark

Reference the city website for detailed report

d) New Build Permit Report – James Clark

Reference the city website for detailed report

e) Planning Department – Rocky Clinton

James Clark covered this department earlier, but Rocky Clinton did add that there would be a workshop session on Tuesday 8/25/21 this is will be a training session for the Planning Commission, it will open to the public but not a public question and answer session and the regular planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8/31/21.

f) Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Katherine Karras

Reference the city website for detailed report

9. Old Business:

A.) Discussion of Ordinance amending Chapter 32.02; Purchasing by Mayor and Council Members – Penzo

This was voted down at the last city council meeting, but Arthur Penzo thought this needed to be revisited.

No motion to approve was given

10. New Business:

A.) Discussion of Millage – Colvin

The city is in good shape financially and after careful review it is the mayor's opinion that the city leave the millage the same at 3.5.

Gene McCartney was ok with raising the millage to 4.5 to help the city's needs.

Larry Ardemagni, Tim Burress and Don Doudna agree that if the need is not there, then the city should not raise the millage.

Arthur Penzo motioned to move to the next city council meeting

Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes

11. Comments from Council Members

Arthur Penzo asked when the "Welcome to Tontitown" signs would be installed.

James Clark responded that they are about a month out, but the city still has not heard from the state.

Tim Burress appreciated the council and thanked those who came to tonight's meeting.

Gene McCartney is wanting to move forward with the city street signs in memory of Tommy Granata who was working on this project.

12. Comments from Mayor

Blair Johnson with the Johnson Group who did an Employee Salary Review Study for the city of Tontitown. The council is to review the report and contact Mr. Johnson or the city with any questions.

The city welcomes Nathan Crouch as the new City Planner.

The new school opened, and it was a little chaotic since most parents wanted to drop off and pick up their kids on the first day, hopefully more kids will be riding the bus.

The city is gathering more information on a bond issue to allow a restructure of a bond.

Tennis courts is coming along.

Bocce court is up to date and the city installed a new tether ball.

Bocce Tournament is coming up in September.

The mayor is requesting that the city be allowed to hire three administrative employees to help cover areas in city hall.

The mayor attended a meeting in Conway with a group that helps cities put together a forum so they can discuss the path their city is going and what that path will look like. The mayor invited them to come to Tontitown and meet with the citizens, business leaders, POA's etc. and discuss the vision of Tontitown. More to come when information is available.

In response to the mask mandate.

The mayor said the city takes its guidance from those who are more knowledgeable with Covid. As far as the school's mandate on mask wearing that is up to the Springdale School System and this includes the new Springdale school that is located here in Tontitown. The city of Tontitown will support any of our businesses and the school if they are requiring a mask to worn.

The mayor addressed the issue with Waste Management. This was a very detailed and lengthy comment/discussion. Reference YouTube

13. Comments from Attorney

14. Adjournment-Tim Burrese motioned to adjourn Second by Amber Ibarra All in Favor