

Acting Mayor – Gene McCartney
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– Penny Baskin
Ward 3 Position 2– Tim Burress

**City Council
January 4, 2022
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall and via Zoom and YouTube visit <https://zoom.us/j/97053037337>

Meeting ID: 970 5303 7337# or join by phone at +1 (312) 626-6799

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1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call
All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
James Clark requested Item #12B is to be removed

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

Tim Burress voted- NO
Amber Ibarra voted- YES
Gene McCartney voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni voted- YES
Arthur Penzo voted- YES
Penny Baskin voted- YES
5. Approval of City Council Minutes from December 7, 2021
Penny Baskin motioned to approve
Second by Larry Ardemagni
Motion Passes

Penny Baskin voted- YES
Amber Ibarra voted- YES
Gene McCartney voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni voted- YES
Arthur Penzo voted- Abstained
Tim Burress voted- YES
6. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2021
Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve
Second by Arthur Penzo
Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Approval of Special Training Session Minutes from December 22, 2021
Penny Baskin motioned to approve
Second by Arthur Penzo
Motion passes Unanimously

8. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from December 24, 2021
Arthur Penzo motioned to approve
Second by Larry Ardemagni
Motion Passes Unanimously

9. Comments from Citizens-

Kenneth Lovell said he had an issue with the smell on Arbor Acers and Pinalto to the point the smell gave him a headache. Mr. Mark Calcagni has information from companies about air testing. Mr. Lovell would like to move forward with this information and discuss as soon as possible at a city meeting.

Angie Russell reported of hundreds of dead birds found on her property. She has already made the council aware. The Game and Fish was called in to investigate but no information is available at this time.

10. Approval by City Council Members to Waive the 3 Reading Rule for All Ordinances on Agenda

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra
Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business:

12. New Business:

A. Approval of an Ordinance amending section 51.04: Water Service Rates of Chapter 51: Water Service of the Tontitown Municipal code to provide for a new water rates and **declaring an emergency for the City of Tontitown, Arkansas** – James/Justin

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra
Motion Passes Unanimously

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve the Emergency Clause
Second by Amber Ibarra
Motion Passes Unanimously

B. Approval of an Ordinance to waive competitive bidding in order to purchase materials required to perform repairs in and along Brushy Creek in the City of Tontitown, Washington County Arkansas; **Calling for an emergency and for other purposes**
This Item was approved to be removed.

- C. Approval of a resolution calling a Special election in the City of Tontitown, Arkansas for the purpose of electing a mayor to fill the vacancy in the Mayor's Office due to the resignation of Mayor Paul Colvin and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto – Attorney

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin
Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Reappointment of Gene McCartney as the Acting Mayor for the City of Tontitown – Justin

Penny Baskin motioned to reappoint Gene McCartney as acting mayor
Second by Amber Ibarra
Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Comments from Aldermen

Tim Burress requested that the speed box be set out on Vincenza Drive. A citizen said they are having problems with speeding. Also, Tim wanted to thank former Mayor Colvin for all he has done for Tontitown. Tim said is happy that Gene McCartney excepted the roll of acting mayor and hopes he decides to run for election.

Larry Ardemagni was glad to see some new faces and thanked them for coming to tonight's meeting.

11. Comments from Mayor

We will be discussing R.F.Q.'s at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Potentially we're looking at a special meeting following the Committee of the Whole, we'll be looking at companies that are out there doing Civil Engineering and architect on our Fire Department project.

We are accepting letters of intent on our Planning Commission, so if anyone is interested in the position please contact the city.

The County has scheduled our Special Election for May 24, 2022. Filing date for Mayor is February 22, 2022, through March 1, 2022.

The city is looking at two positions for the Tontitown Fire Department and we are currently taking applications for those positions.

The City Attorney has been reviewing impact fees for new homes in our area.

The city is looking into council rotation more information will be presented when available.

The city will be reviewing and enforcing utility permit for road repairs.

The last several days have been a whirlwind and Gene appreciates everybody's support and he will be looking at running for the position but wants to let everybody know that this is something he doesn't

take lightly and if Gene decides to run, he'll let the council know as quickly as possible. Gene wants to make sure it's the right decision for the city and his family.

12. Comments from City Attorney

13. **Adjournment** – Amber Ibarra motioned to adjourn All in Favor