

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

Committee of The Whole

February 15, 2022

Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 15, 2022**, 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
Arthur Penzo was absent
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Approval of Agenda
Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin
Motion Passes unanimously
 5. Approval of **January 18, 2022**, COW Minutes
Penny Baskin motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra
Motion Passes unanimously
 6. Monthly Financials- Reference the city website for the detailed report
 7. Comments from Citizens-
Kenneth Lovett received an email from Stephen Foster with A.D.E.Q. regarding the emissions from the waste energy plant. The regulated emissions from the source of the engines and flares are as follows- particulate matter pm 10, SO2, VOC, CO, NOX and these emissions are permitted by the State of Arkansas. Heinz Braun with A.D.E.Q. said the state does not have specific equipment available to test, so they recommend that if you so wish to test that you may hire a firm and work out a sampling plan with that company. Mr. Lovett said there has been several complaints that has been sent to A.D.E.Q and feel that they are being brushed off and ignored. Mr. Lovett has requested that the council discuss purchasing equipment, training and do the testing ourselves or hire somebody.

Dennis Boyer said that A.D.E.Q. has not yet acted on approving the Waste Management Expansion Project for Tontitown therefore there is still time to stop it, if each one of the council feels inclined to act now. A.D.E.Q. has stated that it welcomes more information from the residents of Tontitown before making a final decision. Mr. Boyer has the

A.D.E.Q. contact information for the written concerns. With the councils help we could possibly stop the expansion from being approved or stop it dead in its tracks.

Rocky Clinton with the Tontitown Planning Commission said it was his opinion that Mr. Lovett is very well qualified in what he's speaking about because of his background. Mr. Lovett offers some of the best suggestions and solutions that I've heard in the past two to three years. Jeff Hawkins said there is an air quality sensor on the east side of Springdale that is owned by the State of Arkansas. Mr. Hawkins suggests asking the state to move the sensor to Tontitown or add one to Tontitown.

Reference YouTube for the lengthy comments.

8. Department Reports

a) **Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison**

Reference the city website for the detailed report

Two new officers have been added to the force.

b) **Fire Department—Operations Chief Todd Witzigman**

Reference the city website for the detailed report

c) **Public Works Department – James Clark**

Reference the city website/YouTube for the detailed report

Regarding the ball field, Larry Ardemagni who is also on the Park Committee feels more discussion is needed before moving forward with this project.

d) **New Build Permit Report – James Clark**

Reference the city website/YouTube for the detailed report

e) **Planning Department – Planning**

LuAnn Jenison presented to the council the items on the next Planning Meeting Scheduled for February 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Reference the city website/YouTube for the detailed report

f) **Tontitown Museum Board – Beverly Cortiana or Katherine Karras**

Reference the city website/YouTube for the detailed report

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business:

- A. Discussion of Bushy Creek bids in reference to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project – James
A Bid Tabulation was presented to the council for the culverts on Barrington Road and Arlington Way.
- B. Update on the Air Quality Testing company's and progress – Penny
Reference YouTube for the lengthy discussion

11. Comments from Council Members

Tim Burress appreciates the council bringing their own thoughts and opinions to the meetings and appreciates the citizens fight and for speaking out for what they believe is right.

Amber Ibarra Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Larry Ardemagni said the new "Welcome to Tontitown" looks nice.

12. Comments from Mayor-

The mayor thanked everyone for coming out tonight and thinks it's important for our council to listen to all the comments.

T.F.D. has had several floor layout meetings and we're getting closer. There will be a public input on the new building design on February 24, 2022, at 5:30 to 7:00 pm, so please come.

The city is still in talks with T.A.F.D.

The Waste Management solid waste pickup contract is coming up and we did have a meeting with Waste Management on some of the ideas and a voucher program so you can go when you're ready

13. Comments from Attorney

14. Adjournment- Amber Ibarra motioned to adjourn Second by Penny Baskin All in Favor