

Mayor – Angela Russell
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
June 7, 2022
Minutes**

**The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 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
Penny Baskin motioned to approve the agenda
Second by Amber Ibarra
Motion Passes Unanimously
5. Approval of City Council May 5, 2022, Minutes
Tim Burress motioned to accept the minutes
Second by Penny Baskin
Motion Passes Unanimously
6. Approval of Training Session April 29, 2022, Minutes
Tim Burress motioned to approve minutes
Second by Penny Baskin
Motion Passes Unanimously
7. Proclamation for Mrs. Betty Hinshaw
The mayor read aloud the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Byron Brockmeyer was born May 17, 1925, in St. Louis, Mo., the first child of Edwin John de Nomy Brockmeyer and Mildred Wildberger Pauls Brockmeyer; and

WHEREAS, her father fostered a love of nature by often taking Betty and her sister, Sue, fishing and camping on the Gasconade River when they were young, instilling the belief that they should "leave a place better than they found it"; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Washington University in 1946 with an English degree and went to work for Ralston Purina Co., where she met her future husband, Jerrold Eldon Hinshaw; and

WHEREAS, Betty Brockmeyer and Jerry Hinshaw married in 1949 and remained together for 54 years, until his death, raising four children - Anita, known as Sunny, Cathy, Ross and Dawn; and

WHEREAS, the couple moved from St. Louis, to Jacksonville, Florida, and Dallas, Texas, before finding their true home in Tontitown, Arkansas in 1956; and

WHEREAS, they established a cattle ranch south of Tontitown called Rocking Chair Ranch, building a house on a hill with a beautiful view of the valley below and a lake where many people enjoy fishing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Betty was a proud homemaker and community volunteer in a multitude of settings, including with the Girl Scouts, at her childrens' schools, with the Harmony Homemakers Extension Club, Shiloh Museum, Springdale Public Library, and with the Washington County Fair where in 1980 she instigated a popular photography exhibition that continues today; and

WHEREAS, she has been a loving encourager to each member of her family, supporting them in failure as well as success, and showing pride in their education, work, pursuits and ambitions; and

WHEREAS, she is devoted to the First United Methodist Church of Springdale, where she remains active, is guided by the Christian belief in stewardship and at 97 is the oldest serving member; and

WHEREAS, she has always enjoyed watching and identifying birds in her yard and at her lake, inspiring her in 2022 to establish an enduring legacy in the 25-acre Betty Hinshaw Bird Sanctuary, a nature preserve in Tontitown that she hopes will help protect the environment and allow others to experience joy in the Earth's beauty; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, the City of Tontitown wishes to honor and recognize Betty Henshaw for her service to the community by officially declaring June 2, 2022 to be known as "Betty Hinshaw Day".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Tontitown wishes to proclaim its respect and gratitude to Betty Hinshaw by declaring June 2, 2022 to be known as "Betty Hinshaw Day".

THIS PROCLAMATION IS ISSUED THIS, this 7th day of
June,2022

Signed by Mayor Angie Russell and City Clerk/Treasurer Rhonda Ardemagni

Mrs. Hinshaw appreciated the acknowledgement and is glad we now have a bird sanctuary in Tontitown. She thinks this will be a plus for the city Tontitown, she said there was a good turnout and thanked everyone for showing up and missed those who couldn't attend. Mrs. Hinshaw is glad to be a part of Tontitown and was glad she could raise her family here. Thank you

8. Recognition of Cody Tucker and Fernando Cordova

Captain John Buchan with the Tontitown Fire Department reminded everyone of the Safer Grant that was received in 2020 for 158 thousand dollars and January 1, 2021, we started our Volunteer Cadet Program with that money. As a result, the following cadets are now Firefighters trading their cadet red shirts and orange helmet for Fireman blue shirts and black helmet.

Fernando Cordova and Cody Tucker also received a Certificate of Promotion to Firefighter for successfully completing the Arkansas Fire Academy Class of Spring 2022.

Grady Reed is a true volunteer he is a resident of Tontitown, he responds to calls whenever that pager goes off. Mr. Reed has requirements outside the Fire Department so he couldn't attend the fire academy, but he has completed all the required training certification to be a volunteer firefighter he is a certified medical technician, but he'll be out of his book before the next meeting. So, we wanted to acknowledge and congratulate Mr. Reed, he is a true blessing.

9. Comments from Citizens

Nina Brown asked where we are at in the future for a flooding solution. Also wanted to thank Gene McCartney for his services and congratulations to Angie, please hear our voices old and young.

Kenneth Lovett congratulated Angie Russell and thanked Larry Ardemagni for some equipment. Mr. Lovett asked when Barrington was to reopen, Gene McCartney said opening date is scheduled for June 15th. Mr. Lovett asked the council to look at other trash services like CARDS rather than Waste Management. Mr. Lovett said Tontitown, and Boston Mountain use the same legal firm and it is his opinion this is a conflict of interest. Also, Mr. Lovett was questioning the three-year term renewal clause with Waste Management.

The City Attorney Justin Eichmann said Tontitown is a member of Boston Mountain and that there is not a conflict of interest to his knowledge, and he explained the contact with three-year term renewal clause Waste Management.

Reference YouTube for details.

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

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve

Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business:

- A. Approval of an Ordinance amending section 130.03 Road Spills of the Tontitown Municipal Code; for other purposes and **declaring an Emergency** – Gene

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause

Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. New Business:

- A. Approval of a Resolution approving a change order for architectural and design services to the Fire Station Project within the City of Tontitown, Arkansas –

Tim Burress motioned to Table until the next Committee of the Whole and will have a Special Meeting for this item

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes

Arthur Penzo Voted- NO

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Gene McCartney Voted- YES

Penny Baskin Voted- YES

- B. Approval of an Ordinance amending section 155.01 of Chapter 155: Fees of the Tontitown Municipal Code in its entirety of the City of Tontitown and **Declaring an Emergency** – Tim

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve

Second Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes

Gene McCartney Voted- NO

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Penny Baskin Voted- YES

Arthur Penzo Voted- NO

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes

Gene McCartney Voted- NO

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Penny Baskin Voted- YES
Arthur Penzo Voted- NO
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

13. Comments from Aldermen

Tim Burress thanked Gene McCartney for stepping up as acting mayor and wanted to wish Angie Russell the best, along with the City Council we have a lot to do. The city is now a first-class city and we're moving into an era where we need a full-time mayor. Mr. Burress thanked Mrs. Hinshaw for her dedication last week and her support to the city. Congratulations to Cody Tucker, Fernando Cordova, and Grady Reed and this will be the last meeting for the Tontitown Fire Chief Todd Witzigman who is retiring. And on a personal note, Mr. Burress wanted to thank everyone who responded to a medical emergency his family had.

Penny Baskin said the museum is looking for board members. Thanked Gene McCartney for service and welcomed Angie Russell and thanked the citizens for coming to night.

Larry Ardemagni thanked the Fire, Police, and citizens for showing up to tonight's meeting and congrats mayor and thank you former acting mayor you did a heck of a job.

Amber Ibarra and Arthur Penzo congratulated Angie Russell and thanked Gene McCartney for stepping up and filling that role when we needed you.

Gene McCartney congratulated Angie Russell and is looking forward to the next seven months. Mr. McCarney also thanked the fire, police for everything they do we appreciate them very much. All the projects we have going are continuing and want to say thank you to everyone involve in these projects. Also, looking forward to the opening of Barrington Road.

14. Comments from Mayor

The mayor said she has felt so much support coming up here and wanted to thank the Police and Fire Departments they do a tremendous job. The mayor thanked the alderman for their hard work, and they are very much appreciated. And now she is on the other side of the podium she wants to represent you (the citizens) and that's why she chose to run for mayor, and she appreciates every single one of you. Thank you

15. Comments from City Attorney- None

16. **Adjournment**- Tim Burress motioned to adjourn Second by Amber Ibarra All in Favor