

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

Committee of The Whole
November 15, 2022
Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday November 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
All in Attendance
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor said tonight’s agenda date needed correcting from the 18th to the 15th.

Motion by Mayor Angie Russell
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of **October 18, 2022**, COW Minutes

Penny Baskin motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Monthly Financials-

Detailed report is available on the city website

7. Comments from Citizens

Michelle Eichler 1851 S. Pinalto Rd., Tontitown, AR said she has concerns for her property and the potential road project on Floyd Rd. She was notified by Charles Ward on October 21, 2022, that the city would be starting a road project there, she requested a meeting, and it was held on November 1, 2022, with James Clark, Charles Ward, herself, Nina Brown, and adjacent property owner Erica Lanning regarding this project. The property owners requested more specifically detailed information outlining the design for slopes, terrain features, locations of utilities and water flow direction for property owner review. The mayor, Tim Burress, and Penny Baskin have been notified with a list of the property owners concerns and additional information, also Michelle has submitted to the city clerk the same information and is to be sent to all council members.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR congratulated the mayor and thanked the council for approving the resolution. Lovett spoke about how the former mayor would call people out for speaking up in the past, said more people need to speak up, but some don't want to upset the grape basket but there's always a better way to do things. Then Mr. Lovett proceeded to make a personal attack towards one of the city council members who is also a lifelong and respected resident of Tontitown. Gene McCartney interrupted Lovett and reminded him that personal attacks would not be allowed and to be cautious in what he is saying.

8. Department Reports

a) Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: October 2022
 Calls for Service – 740
 Accident Reports – 27
 Warrants Served – 80
 Warrants Outstanding - 1151
 Warrants Amount - \$ 1,520,326.50
 Training Hours (YTD) - 1951
 Citation Total - 213
 Speeding Citations - 12 (Other) Traffic Citations - 128
 Criminal Citations – 28
 Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 45
 Warning Total - 345
 Speeding Warnings – 90
 (Other) Traffic Warnings – 255

b) Fire Department—Chief Mark Ramsey

Fire Department Report October 2022

Total Calls: 67

Call Type	City	Rural
EMS	24	12
Fire	5	8
MVA	7	2
False Alarm	7	0
Service Call	2	0
October Total	45	22
YTD Total (10/31/22)	425	108
Last YTD (10/31/21)	314	107

October call volume was the second highest in the 2022 year. TFD recorded over 120 public hours including CPR training, youth fire setter's program, Fire Prevention Week events, and Halloween events within the community. TFD completed 256 training hours in October.

One new volunteer has completed Intro and PPE. Volunteer Ryan Krug completed a 40-hour Officer IV class in Camden. Fire Prevention week took place October 9-15. TFD participated in Halloween in the Park 2022.

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

Monthly Report November 2022 Public Works Department STREETS/PARKS:

In the last couple of weeks, we have assisted the Fire Department in preparing for the construction of the new station. We were able to help clean up the site, including moving the office building from in front of the shop building that is to remain. We were able to relocate the building to the concrete pad on the south side of the old Fire Station, where it can continue to be utilized as storage for Park maintenance. We are also assisting with the installation of camera poles that will allow the construction to be videotaped and a time lapse created from start to finish.

Last week we tested a new type of patch repair machine on some of our more difficult street repairs. This machine uses an infrared heating panel to rejuvenate the existing asphalt and a small amount of new asphalt is added to create a more permanent patch. You will notice several areas around town where we experimented with this process. Time will tell if it is worth the cost. Although, it is a reasonable amount. For one day of patching the cost is \$3500. In this amount of time, 10-15 patches can be completed.

WATER/SEWER:

During the last week of October, we experienced a break in our 18” water transmission line on the west end near the Illinois River. The break occurred around 4:00 on Oct. 26th. We were able to shut down the main, contact Springdale Water and get our emergency connection turned and the water tank isolated by 7:00 pm. The next morning, we located where the main had blown apart and began to excavate. Once we exposed the main line, we determined that we would need some help making the repair. Fortunately, Tri-Star Contractors has extensive experience in repairing large-diameter water mains and agreed to assist us with our issue. They showed up that afternoon and made a list of everything they needed and returned the following day to put it all back together. Due to the amount of time the line was down, we could not simply put it back in service after it was fixed. We needed to collect two consecutive safe bacteriological samples before the line could be opened for public consumption. The BWRPWA lab can perform certified testing, but not on the weekend. Therefore, we flushed the line on Sunday the 30th, and again on Monday the 31st for testing. We received notice Tuesday Nov. 1st, that the samples tested safe. At that point we contacted Springdale Water and had them close the emergency connection and we went back on our normal supply from “Two-Ton. We have had a few leaks in the transmission line since it was installed. I have to say, keeping the emergency connection to Springdale Water has been a life saver. We could accomplish the repairs without that connection, but it would be much more difficult for the businesses and citizens. We would have to endure water outages and boil orders for days. With the connection all of this work occurred without anyone even being aware.

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

Reference the city website for detailed chart/report.

e) **Planning Department – Planning**

1. Paramount Metals LSD- The applicant is requesting an approval for a LSD approval for improvements and addition of two buildings at 761 W. Henri De Tonti Blvd. Parcel #: 830-37710-000 and 830-37709-001.
2. Update on Planning Calendar for 2023.
3. Comprehensive Plan Update –

The city is asking for Tontitown residents’ input, a short Public Survey is available on the city website.

f) **Tontitown Museum Board – Misty Piazza**

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

1. 20th Annual Polenta Smear: We had an amazing turnout for the event. The change in food options was a great success. Thank you, Mayor Angie and Art Penzo for attending. We are already excited about next year's event.
2. Visitors: We had over 25 visitors in October including three scheduled group tours. One family was in for a wedding from Tulsa, OK, and have roots in the community and one group was a Senior Citizen group from Van Buren. We love having visitors coming in from all over to visit our museum.

Regular Museum Hours: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th, 2022, at 6:00 pm in City Hall Conference Room.

9. Old Business:

- A. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a lease agreement and for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said lease agreement for 581 S Barrington – Angie

The mayor is requesting that the newly acquired property located at 581 S. Barrington be rented.

Amber Ibarra motioned to amend the lease for \$1,650.00 monthly rent and a required deposit of \$1000.00
Second by Tim Burress

Amber Ibarra Voted- NO
Tim Burress Voted- NO
Gene McCarney Voted- NO
Penny Baskin Voted- NO
Arthur Penzo Voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni Voted- NO

Motion Fails

- B. Discussion of the 2023 Budget – Angie

Tim Burress motioned to Table
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. New Business:

- A. Discussion of a resolution to amend the Tontitown Master Transportation Plan in order to reclassify Bandini Ave – Angie

The Tontitown Master Transportation Plan was adopted by the Tontitown City Council in 2018 in order to provide for orderly growth and development within in the City of Tontitown; and in the course of the design of the Tontitown Fire Department, it has come to the attention of the City Council that it is necessary to amend the Master Transportation Plan to reclassify Bandini Avenue as a two (2) lane local roadway.

Penny Baskin motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Discussion of a resolution to accept the low bid submitted by Goodwin and Goodwin, Inc. for the Highway 412 Water East Improvements Project in the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie (James)

Summarized below, a total of 2 bids were received on the project. Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc. submitted the low bid for the project in the amount of \$3,069,050. There were five other plan holders that did not submit a bid.

Bidder	Total Base Bid
Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc.	\$3,069,050
Goins Enterprises, Inc.	\$4,041,925

Tim Burress motioned to approve
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Discussion of a resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the mayor to negotiate and enter into a contract with K2 Contracting, LLC to complete 60 feet of a 36 inch bore under South Pianalto Road in the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Larry (James)

The City of Tontitown has received a quote submitted by K2 Contracting, LLC., attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the above-described project; and because it is necessary to start on this project as soon as possible and K2 Contracting, LLC. is the only contractor able to do so out of the submissions received, the City Council has determined that an emergency existed which necessitated the waiving of competitive bidding.

Penny motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Discussion of the Interlocal Agreement with Central EMS – Angie

Name change needs to be made on the signature page of the agreement.

Amber Ibarra motioned to Table to the December City Council Meeting
Second by Penny Baskin

Gene McCartney Voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni Voted- NO
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Penny Baskin Voted- YES
Arthur Penzo Voted- NO
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Motion Passes

11. Comments from Council Members

Penny Baskin

1. Thanked everyone who attends these meetings.
2. Congratulated Mike Washkowiak.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked Penny Baskin for the time she has put in as a council member.
2. Congratulated Mike Washkowiak for running a clean campaign.
3. Thanked Mr. Pianalto for his campaign.
4. Congratulated Mayor Russell.

5. Thanked Gene McCartney and Arthur Penzo for their time and efforts they put in and they will be missed as council members.
6. There is a thing called Financial Peace University and various churches and municipalities run classes for approximately 9-11 weeks and would like to sponsor a group for our citizens and employees or council, if interested or not contact Tim Burress.

Gene McCartney

1. Last Friday night there was a home fire, and it changed the lives of a young family here in Tontitown, their home is a total loss, but the family and pet made it out safely. We wish them the best, we had great assistance from other departments, we had slow response on some parts and some parts no response. This is a learning experience for the city and other departments, and we need to do what is necessary to cover our city for fire protection. We have been struggling to balance our budget and the millage we voted on recently is how we pay for new police, new fire, and a new water tank and not keeping up with the millage in the area is making our job strenuous we need to evaluate to make sure we have the income coming in to pay for these services and those services are there for our citizens.

12. Comments from Mayor

1. The citizens have stepped up to help this family with numerous material donations, but they still need monetary donations, and a GO FUND ME page has been setup on Facebook, it can also, be found on the Tontitown Community page, City page or the mayor's page. The mayor wanted to thank everyone who has donated to help this family.
2. The city will be collecting Toys for Tots until December 12, 2022, so bring your unwrapped toys to City Hall.
3. City Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 24th and 25th.
4. Congratulations to the police officers and the firemen for taking the time to go through this class.
5. Thanks to everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.

13. Comments from Attorney

- 14. Adjournment- Amber Ibarra motioned to adjourn Second by Arthur Penzo All in FAVOR**