

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
November 1, 2022
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 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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City Council

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call
Gene McCartney was absent

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve the agenda
Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of City Council October 4, 2022, Minutes
Tim Burress suggested using quotation marks when quoting.

Tim Burress motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of Special City Council October 10, 2022, Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Penny Baskin Voted- YES
Arthur Penzo Voted- YES
Arthur Penzo Voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni Voted- ABSTAINED

7. Approval of Special City Council October 18, 2022, Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

8. Comments from Citizens

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd, Fayetteville, AR-

In the past few weeks, the gas was obvious on Arbor Acers Rd. and the duration of the event was short. Calls were made for testing, but no test were taken because the gases dispersed by the time the equipment arrived. Mr. Lovett asked the council to do their research and if their family was directly by the gases, he feels like there'd be a whole lot more attention put in that area.

James Dean 1025 Trailwood Street, Tontitown, AR-

Wanted to thank everyone who was part of Halloween in the Park, rising success and lots of comments from citizens they loved it and hope this continues.

Rhonda Doudna 762 Pozza Ln., Tontitown, AR-

Thanked Amber Ibarra and all the donations from the businesses and citizens and all those who worked hard to make this a great success.

Robin Lunstrum Arkansas State Representative-

Thinks a record was broke this year she said it was wild and never seen so many in the park. Mrs. Lunstrum spoke about the marijuana issue that is on the ballot and how this will affect NW Arkansas.

No Criminal background checks for those running the facilities

No limit on THC levels

No zoning except around churches and schools and Day Care facilities

No City Council, Legislators or Governing Authority (Federal or otherwise)

No Police Funding

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

No ordinances on the agenda

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

- A. Approval 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

According to the mayor, there has been 5 or 6 rental applicants and the list has been narrowed down to one. The council was unaware the city was accepting applications and council had many questions.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to Table to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval of a resolution expressing the intent of the Tontitown City Council related to the Eco-Vista Class 1 and 4 landfill expansions in the City of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie

Penny Baskin motioned to approve
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

Comments from Citizens-

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR-
This resolution is not affecting Tontitown negatively and he doesn't understand why people are taking it personally and if the council doesn't vote for this resolution their voting for people to die.

Jamie Morgan 1246 Arbor Acres Rd., Tontitown, AR-
A friend read a statement that Mrs. Morgan wrote that explains Karst Topography and how it forms and how the landfill's roll affects the environment and communities. Mrs. Morgan is asking the council to take a stand and vote yes on the Resolution.

Mark Calcagni 12642 Arbor Acres Rd., Springdale, AR-
He wants to urge the council to vote in favor of the Resolution for several reasons.

1. Send a message to ADEQ and Waste Management to do their job properly.
2. Health, safety, and environmental reasons.
3. 1200 signed petitions mostly Tontitown people around the landfill.
4. Area has grown and no longer rural.
5. 40 years and Waste Management has done its part for NW Arkansas- time to relocate.
6. Be a council for the people, by the people, representing the people
Tontitown deserves to be safe, so please vote in favor of the Resolution.

Debra Newman 2049 S. Pinalto, Tontitown, AR-

She stands with her neighbors against the landfill expansion, and she reminded everyone about Camp Lejeune with contaminated and toxic soil and the waste was negatively affecting the residents and the government is now paying billions to those people whose health was affected. Tontitown has the ability and opportunity to protect our town and citizens right now. Mrs. Newman urges the council to vote no against the expansion.

Robin Lunstrum Arkansas State Representative-

We need to be real concerned about what's coming in the future, we need a place to go with the trash but there are long term issues we need to address and have a good neighbor policy for both, and if Tontitown loses it's not a win-win. We need to be present at tomorrow night's meeting at the Senior Center in Springdale 5:00 PM

Rhonda Doudna 762 Pozza Ln., Tontitown, AR-

The landfill started with a few acres and now it's 600 acres, we have a new guy in Waste Management, Jamie and he's doing a bang-up job, and a new mayor, and it's time to come together. Rhonda said it's a butane smell and is real thick gas and doesn't happen until this time of the year, we need to figure out what this gas is, we're not saying get rid of Waste Management, they're not going anywhere, and we need them but let's figure out what the gases are then go for the expansion. Mrs. Doudna doesn't want the neighbors over there dying not saying they are but just being sick.

Dennis Boyer 1969 Dowell Rd., Tontitown, AR-

Mr. Boyer presented a Population Growth Packet to the council and concerned citizens; the packet included graphics which Mr. Boyer explained in detail.

Nina Brown 1851 S. Pinalto Rd., Tontitown, AR-

Mrs. Brown asked that everyone read the graph and please take into consideration because they have got to have some relief. Waste Management needs to be responsible and find out what the gases are, and the State Representatives need to fight harder for the safety of the citizens.

Daryle R. Green 12246 Red Oak Dr., Fayetteville, AR-

Mr. Green purchased this property 11 years ago, it is located South of the landfill, and he didn't hear or smell it, there was no issues, but since the landfill has gone up, his neighborhood is now being affected. Waste Management can do a lot better, and their attitude has change from prior CEO's. Mr. Green thanked ADEQ for scheduling the meeting for tomorrow night because last week Waste Management has planted new trees, covered everything with dirt like they are supposed to do, getting ready for the big visit. Most would agree that if Waste Management would just go by rule 22 which is governing how to cover. Mr. Green is asking to please vote against the expansion.

Jamie Vernon with Waste Management-

Eco Vista is honored to provide the essential service to the city of Tontitown and the entire region and please to collaborate with local community groups, schools and support programs that benefit the community. We have been transparent and responsive to every reasonable request and have conducted several site tours for educational groups and elected representatives. Waste Management is highly regulated by the EPA and ADEE. All citizens complaints are reviewed and logged by ADEE with an onsite inspection, today no air quality violations have been found. We have gone above and beyond what is required and worked with the mayor and community members to conduct air quality testing and no contaminants were found. Waste Management has engaged an independent environmental Consulting Group to be on call to respond to air quality complaints. Waste Management continues to invest in technologies to reduce the potential for offsite odors. An online newsletter was setup and hundreds have signed up to receive, Mr. Vernon has given his cell number to the council and Mr. Lovett, and he is to be contacted so he can send the third-party air quality Consulting Group.

Donna Pianalto 12525 Arbors Acres Rd., Tontitown, AR-
Her and her family have lived in their residents over 60 years, before Waste Management /Eco Vista. She remembers riding with her dad and bringing their trash to the Russell Ravine and guarantees it wasn't lined and their trash is being leaked out at the bottom of the heap of the landfill, so she wanted to be honest with everyone about that, it's been going on for a long time. The first decade we had Eco Vista there were very little complaints from citizens because they felt that it was their duty to have a place to go with the trash and it was small. Mrs. Pianalto doesn't recall odors, gases, trash, dangerous roads to drive on or truck traffic. In the last 3 years something is changing, there are more days of odors, smells and trash and she asking to vote yes on the to stop the expansion until we find out what is going on to where we can be better partners, so we can have a safe and healthy community.

- C. Approval of a resolution amending section 4.2: Work Hours, of the City of Tontitown Personnel Handbook for the City of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie (Mark)

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Aldermen

Penny Baskin said great job in the park and for Amber Ibarra for leading the event.

Tim Burress- This is a win for the citizens and thanked all who came to tonight's meeting and for speaking and being tenacious tonight and for the council, he doesn't in any way mean to denigrate them, but he does appreciate the work they do.

Nina Brown contacted him with concerns on Boyd Rd. and wants to make sure her concerns are being addressed.

Arthur Penzo –

Lots of kids in the park and had a good time.

Need lights in the gazebo.

Regarding the landfill, Arthur apologized to the citizens, said he made a mistake and will own it, and this has been going on way to long and doesn't know how to fix it.

Amber Ibarra- said Halloween in the Park was a great success, we had a committee that worked their tails off. It was tons of fun and lots of kids and lots of hard work and lots of positive feedback.

Larry Ardemagni-

Anticipates seeing most of the citizens tomorrow evening.

Larry was unable to attend the Halloween event but kudos to everyone involved.

13. Comments from Mayor-

Thanked all the businesses and citizens for the donations and those who decorated a booth.

Special thanks to the employees of Hugg & Haul, they donated 50 lbs. of candy from their own pockets, and it was very much appreciated.

Groundbreaking for the new Fire Station will be held Friday November 4, 2022, at 10:00 AM

Thank you to Crosspoint Church collected non-perishable food items for the Community Blessing Box.

The city will be collecting Toys for Tots this year starting Wednesday November 3, 2022, boxes will be set out in City Hall until December 12, 2022.

Budget meeting will be held November 7, 2022, at City Hall.

Wednesday- November 2, 2022, is the Public/ ADEQ meeting at the Springdale Senior Center from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

14. Comments from City Attorney- NONE

15. Adjournment- All in Favor