

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
December 6, 2022
Minutes**

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

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City Council

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call

All in Attendance

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 November 1, 2022, Minutes

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of Special City Council November 15, 2022, minutes

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Comments from Citizens

Rhonda Doudna 762 Pozza Ln., Tontitown, AR
Rhonda said the first city meeting she ever attended was in 2012, and after Tommy Granata quit for the second time. Rhonda said she was fed up, and after the meeting is

when she met Henry Piazza and Arthur Penzo and they were upset they because they were outnumbered sitting in the council seats, things were going crazy in the city and Henry and Arthur couldn't change it on their own and you could see that everyday something was done kind of crooky you know slid it under the carpet and this is how Mrs. Doudna got involved with politics and without Arthur Penzo's help she could not have gotten petitions passed, he worked 24/7 and that's when she heard stories of Henry, Tommy and Arthur going out in storms with their personal equipment removing debris so people could get to work, filling many potholes, that is the type of council they were and they didn't get paid nothing and Mrs. Doudna doesn't see any council members doing that now. Yes, mistakes were made sitting in those seats, but we all make mistakes including the present council. But Arthur Penzo has his heart in everything he's ever done for our city. Mrs. Doudna spoke highly of Arthur Penzo for his dedication and the love he has for Tontitown, from contributing money to city events and attending those events and that is the heart of our city is bringing our community together. So, Arthur thank you for everything you have done for our city and good luck with your retirement.

Scott Ardemagni 765 Ardemagni Rd., Tontitown, AR

Scott said Rhonda Doudna kind of stole the thunder and thanked her for what she said about Arthur Penzo. Mr. Ardemagni will add that Arthur put in countless months and years of service to this town for absolutely zero, Mr. Ardemagni went on to say, Mr. Penzo you're a good man and a wonderful neighbor and thank you very much for everything that you've done for the city.

Mr. Ardemagni addressed the council regarding the upcoming budget vote and the Public Works Department. Mr. Ardemagni doesn't feel that this department gets the recognition they deserve and to keep in mind we are still behind other cities on our pay scale that are a lot smaller, and on our benefits and asked the council to open the checkbook and take care of his guys down at the shop. Scott said he has been with the city for seven years and we finally have a pretty good group of men. Scott thanked those who helped to get those men because not to many months ago they were struggling and was at the end of their ropes and they have 18.25 square miles to take care of, that includes two water services, multiple sewer systems, multiple lift stations and that's an unpleasant job but we do it and we don't want the moon we just want to be taken care of, we deserve it.

James Dean 1025 Trailwood Street, Tontitown, AR

1. Echoed what everyone else has said and will include Gene McCartney, Arthur Penzo and Penny Baskin he knows they all care about the city and for taking their responsibility seriously and wanted to say thank you.
2. James wants the city road improvements in the minds of the mayor and new council, we have got to find financing for our roads, like grants which Mark Latham is doing a wonderful job trying to get these grants but that's not enough, we need to get creative in how to pay for them, possibly increase the millage

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Mr. Lovett reported about the horrible smell in the air tonight but didn't call for testing. No flares were running at the dump, but the engines were, and the engines are causing the odor and what is being burnt.
 2. Apologized to Arthur Penzo
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8. Approval by City Council Members to Waive the 3 Reading Rule for All Ordinances on Agenda

Gene McCartney motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

9. Old Business:

10. New Business:

- A. Approval of a resolution approving and authorizing the mayor to negotiate and enter into an interlocal agreement for continuation of ambulance services through the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority for the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie

Arthur Penzo motioned to approve
Second by Penny Baskin

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval of a resolution to amend the 2022 budget in order to appropriate funds for a one-time end of the year bonus for full-time employees of the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve
Second by Arthur Penzo

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of a resolution to approve the 2023 budget for the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie

Gene motioned to accept option #2
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of an ordinance accepting the final plats from September 2022 to December 2022 – Angie (Planning)

Gene McCartney motioned to approve
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. Approval of an Appeal of denial by the planning commission of a fence permit at 1539 S Pianalto Road – Angie (Planning)

Tim Burress motioned to move this item back to planning
Second by Larry Ardemagni

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

Mayor Russell Declined to vote

Motion Fails/Dead

11. Comments from Aldermen

Tim Burress

1. Park looks gorgeous
2. Thanked everyone for coming and giving their input.
3. The budget worked out this year and said the city employees are important and apologized if he made them feel otherwise.
4. Thanked Arthur Penzo, Gene McCartney and Penny Baskin for their service and has been a joy to serve with the three of them.
5. Welcome new members

Gene McCartney

1. Being here and made friends and made a lot of progress in the city and thanked everyone and citizens.

Arthur Penzo

1. Thanked everyone for putting up with him, he has lived here 82 years and tried his best for the City of Tontitown because this is his home.

Amber Ibarra

1. Relieved the budget is passes

Larry Ardemagni

1. Wants to inter 2023 on an even kill
2. Thanked everyone for showing up
3. Thanked Arthur

Penny Baskin

Said it has been a joy to serve with this council and to get to do and help so much with all the citizens she got to meet and help and said she won't be going away.

12. Comments from Mayor

1. Michael Lunsford has resigned from the Planning Commission; the city will be accepting letters of intent if anyone is interested in the position.
2. Toys for Tots will end at 4:30 PM on the December 12, 2022, so please bring unwrapped toys to City Hall.
3. Training Session will be held December 22, 2022, at 11:00 AM for all city employees and a Christmas lunch will follow.
4. Thanked the council and the citizens.

13. Comments from City Attorney

Had a great evening and wanted to thank Arthur Penzo, Gene McCartney, and Penny Baskin for their service and how they are appreciated.

14. Adjournment- All in Favor