

Mayor – Angela Russell  
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni  
City Attorney –Justin Eichmann  
Law Firm--Harrington-Miller  
City Engineer – Garver Engineers



Ward 1 Position 1 - Misty Piazza  
Ward 1 Position 2– Amber Ibarra  
Ward 2 Position 1—Daniel Montez  
Ward 2 Position 2—Larry Ardemagni  
Ward 3 Position 1—Mike Washkowiak  
Ward 3 Position 2—Tim Burress

**Committee of The Whole**  
**February 7, 2023**  
**Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 7, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Zoom and YouTube visit <https://zoom.us/j/95097016958>

Meeting ID: **950 9701 6958** or join by phone at +1 (312) 626-6799. When prompted for Meeting ID: **950 9701 6958#**  
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1. Meeting Call to Order
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Amber Ibarra was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the agenda.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of **December 20, 2022** COW Minutes

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of **January 17, 2023** COW Minutes

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak

## Motion Passes Unanimously

### 7. Monthly Financials – Will be available at the next City Council Meeting

### 8. Comments from Citizens

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Thanked the new council members for stepping up and appreciates the time the council puts into the community.
2. Asked if the council communicates with each other on city issues.
3. At the last Committee of the Whole Meeting, Item 10B, Conflict of Interest was discussed, and the council asked Mr. Eichmann to speak but there were no public comments. Mr. Lovett asked the legal qualifications that justify dismissing the conflict of interest in that matter.
4. Thanked the council for providing Tontitown with services from the environmental professionals.

### 9. Department Reports

- a) Tontitown Museum Board – Museum Board Member (No report for this meeting)
- b) Police Department – Chief Corey Jenison

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: January 2023

Calls for Service – 603

Accident Reports – 19

Warrants Served – 98

Warrants Outstanding - 1221

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,634,450.50

Training Hours (YTD) – 59.75

Citation Total - 227

Speeding Citations - 11

(Other) Traffic Citations - 126

Criminal Citations – 43

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 47

Warning Total - 267

Speeding Warnings – 65

(Other) Traffic Warnings – 202

- c) Fire Department—Chief Mark Ramsey

Fire Department Report January 2023

Total Calls: 57

EMS 30

FIRE 6

MVA 11

FALSE ALARM 2

SERVICE CALL 8

MUTUAL AID 5

The Fire Department responded to 30 calls in the city in January 2022.

Average response time listed at: 1 minute 53 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time: 3 minutes 58 seconds.

The fire department completed 260 hours of training in January.

Full-time firefighter Ryan Krug completed BLS CPR Instructor course. Three personnel are certified CPR instructors.

The Fire Department is actively recruiting volunteers and cadets.

All trucks in the fleet passed pump testing.

New air-packs were implemented to our fleet. Bottles have a 30-year life-span as oppose to 15. These packs were issued in the last quarter of 2022 by Washington County.

Tontitown's Code Enforcer, Brandon Carmean completed Fire and EMT Training and was awarded a certificate for his achievements.

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

Detailed report is available on the city website.

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

Detailed report is available on the city website.

**f) Planning Department – Planning**

February:

1. Rezone 2398 Brush Creek Rd. Applicant is requesting a rezone from R-E to R-1 for the sale of land. If approved, buyer will be splitting into lots and may ask for a variance due to flood zone concerns. Property is on 2.14 acres. Parcel #: 830-37891-531.
2. Auto Zone Large Scale Development: Applicant is requesting large scale development on E Henri De Tonti Blvd and Albano Dr. Property is on .92 acres. Parcel #830-39933-000.
3. Goddard School Large Scale Development: Proposed project is located on Lot 5, Fantinel Business Park at 193 N. Fantinel Drive. Construction of 8904 SF day care center on 1.19 acres. Parcel #:830-37867-000.
4. Copart Conditional Use Permit: Applicant is considering purchase of three parcels off HWY 412. Conditional use is for the business of used undamaged and damaged, operable, and inoperable vehicles and such for storage.

**10. Old Business:**

**11. New Business:**

**A. Discussion of a resolution to set and affirm appointments to the Tontitown Planning Commission – Angie**

Kevin Boortz, Candy Black and Tom Joseph are hereby appointed the Tontitown Planning Commission for a terms that begin in February 2023 upon the approval of this Resolution through February 28, 2025 and to serve in such capacity and to hold such appointment until their successor is duly qualified and appointed

James Dean, Josh Craine and Donnie Davis are hereby affirmed as commissioners to the Tontitown Planning Commission for terms that began in February 2022 through February 28, 2024 and to serve in such capacity and to hold such appointment until their successor is duly qualified and appointed.

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve and send to the special meeting.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Tim Voted- NO  
Daniel Voted- NO  
Misty Voted- YES  
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Mayor Russell Voted- YES

Motion Passes

- B.** Discussion of an ordinance amending Chapter 32.02 Purchasing by mayor and council members; procedure of the Tontitown Municipal Code of the city of Tontitown and declaring an emergency – Angie

Council discussed whether to increase the mayor’s spending limit to \$35,000.00.

Misty Piazza motioned to approve- send to the next city council.

Second by Daniel Montez

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- NO

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Daniel Montez Voted- NO

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mayor Russell Voted- YES

Motion Passes

- C.** Discussion of an ordinance to amend section 30.01 Meetings of the Council; Time and Notice in the Tontitown Municipal Code; Declaring an emergency and for other purposes – Angie

(G) If a quorum of the City Council is present as set forth in § 30.04 below, a City Council Member who is not physically present at the meeting or special meeting of the City Council may attend, participate and vote in the meeting by an appropriate electronic means which shall ensure the public’s ability to hear and understand any comments, motions or votes by the absent City Council member

Tim Burress motioned to approve- move to the next City Council Meeting.

Second Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D.** Discussion of a resolution to approve and adopt the final 2022 budget for the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie

Daniel Montez motioned to approve- move to the next City Council Meeting.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E.** Discussion of an ordinance to amend section 30.05 Order of Business in the Tontitown Municipal code; Declaring an emergency and for other purposes – Angie

Discussion on the pattern of the agenda.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve and to move to the Special Meeting.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- F.** Discussion of an ordinance amending section 9101(C) and 91.02(J) of Chapter 91: Noise regulations of the Tontitown Municipal Code in order to revise noise regulations for the City of Tontitown and declaring an emergency – Angie

Tim Burress motioned to Table until the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion passes Unanimously

- G.** Discussion of a resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the purchase of eight (8) portable Motorola radios from Smith Two-Way Radio, Inc for the Tontitown Fire Department – Angie (Mark R.)

Fire was excluded from the purchasing on the radios, and they have to act now to be prepared for the new County Radio System.

Tim Burress motioned to approve- move to the next City Council Meeting.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion passes Unanimously

## **12. Comments from Council Members**

### **Mike Washkowiak**

- 1. Thanked all the departments for their hard work during the ice storm.**
- 2. Felt that the conflict-of-interest issues was a legal question and was satisfied with Mr. Eichmann's explanation but at the same time Mike said he was not legally qualified to make a determination on weather it is or is not a conflict.**
- 3. Said the Environmental Legal Firm was a good hire.**
- 4. Glad the response time has improved for the Fire Department.**

### **Tim Burress**

- 1. Thanked the street and water departments for their hard work during the weather events.**
- 2. Congratulated Ryan Krug and Brandon Carmean for their hard work and is excited that we have five volunteer firemen.**
- 3. What Kenneth Lovett said is exactly how Tim Burress feels regarding the conflict-of-interest matter.**
- 4. Tim Burress addressed Kenneth Lovett's question regarding council communication, said that council was not allowed to talk to each other about any business that the council is to vote on, so the council is very limited in the discussions they can have outside the chambers. Having an open communication with our constituents is very important because they are our eyes and ears on what is going on in our city.**
- 5. Thanked the mayor for her hard work and cooking meals for the employees who were working so hard to clear the streets during the ice storm.**

### **Daniel Montez**

- 1. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the council.**
- 2. Thanked all city departments for their hard work.**

### **Misty Piazza**

- 1. Echoed, Daniel Montez comments.**
- 2. The city is starting early this year and is announcing that volunteers are needed for city events, starting with the Bocce Tournament, Car, and Motorcycle Show in September.**

### **Larry Ardemagni**

- 1. Thanked all city departments for going above and beyond and is greatly appreciated.**

## **13. Comments from Mayor**

- 1. Pat Pianalto had a medical procedure done today and it went really well, asked for prayers for a quick recovery. Pat will be out of the office until he is release from the doctors. During his absents his job duties will be distributed to Clerk/Treasure Rhonda Ardemagni, Leslie and Luann.**

2. Extremely thankful to the city police, fire, and road crews they went beyond their job during the past few weeks with all this snow and ice.
3. Thanked Police Jenison for keeping her informed during this weather event.
4. Comprehensive Plan Meeting is scheduled for Thursday night at 6:00 PM, here at City Hall.

**14. Comments from Attorney**

**15. Adjournment- Daniel Montez motioned to adjourn    Second by Tim Burress    All in Favor**