

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

City Council
February 21, 2023
Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 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

At this time the mayor gave her State of the City Address.

2. Roll Call

All in attendance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of January 3, 2023, City Council Minutes

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of the February 7, 2023, Special City Council Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

8. Comments from Citizens- NONE
9. Approval by City Council Members to Waive the 3 Reading Rule for All Ordinances on Agenda

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business:

11. New Business:

- A. Approval 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

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval 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

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
No Second

Motion is dead, lack of a second.

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

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

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

Daniel Montez motioned to amend the purchase of Kenwood two-way-radios not Motorola.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve and enter into a managed services agreement with Iright Technology Services for use by the Elm Springs District Court – Angie

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- NO

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Motion Passes

- F. Approval of a resolution to approve a district court cost share agreement by and between the city of Elm Springs and the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie

Larry Ardemagni Motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- NO

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Motion Passes

12. Comments from Aldermen

Mike Washkowiak

1. Explained his reasoning for not approving to increase the mayor's spending limit, it is not personal it was simply a checks and balance for future people to see, and he wants to spend taxpayers' money, like he would spend his own, and he tries to be tight with it.

Tim Burress

1. Told the mayor she did a great job on the State of the City and how she is making a difference in the city.
2. Happy to see the firehouse frame going up.
3. Thanked those who attended tonight's meeting.
4. Asked the citizens to stay involved and please keep in contact with the city officials, we are here to serve you.
5. Thanked the Planning Commission, City Attorney Justin Eichmann and other forms of government.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked the mayor for the State of the City, well done.
2. Thanked the citizens for there hard work and making the council job a little easier.

Amber Ibarra

1. Echoed what everyone has said about the mayor, said the city is the best shape it's been in since she has been a resident.
2. Thanked the mayor for doing a fantastic job.

Misty Piazza

1. Said she is very grateful and appreciative for all Mayor Russell is doing, she genuinely cares about her people.
2. The bocce tournament, car show, motorcycle show will be held on September 16, 2023, we're having craft vendors and food vendors and hopefully a pickleball tournament. Flyers will be going out this week and lots of volunteers will be needed, so please contact the city.
3. Rollins Elementary School will be visiting and having a city tour and we will be working with the department heads soon to make this a good experience.
4. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked the citizens for attending the meeting.
2. Thanked the mayor for everything she is doing but it doesn't stop there, we have Public Works, Fire Department and the progress of the fire station, Police Department, and Luanne and Leslie, everyone is doing a terrific job and you don't ever see this until your engaged. The city is very blessed to have the staffing we have in place.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Appreciate each of the council members.
2. Updated everyone on Pat Pianalto and is happy to say he is doing very well and will be slowly coming back to work.
3. The Blessing Box Food Pantry is very low, so please help replenish it with non-perishable food items.
4. A Donation Box for abused women and children will be setup in the parking lot, more information on that will be available later and hopefully this will be a positive thing for our city.
5. Asked that everyone have a great evening.

14. Comments from City Attorney

1. There are several bills coming to Little Rock, and a lot will be on education.
2. Senate Bill 287 is a fast track Permitting Bill with a 60-day approval if not it is automatically approved but the issue is that there are permits that require a lot of time like a Large- Scale- Development permit.
3. Senate Bill 197 is a Airbnb's are short term rentals but there is a Bill to remove the ability to regulate those short term rentals and this has raised issues with different cities that have problems with them with regard to the location and what they can or cannot do.
4. Senate Bill 296? was filed on the school side and possibly filed on the city's side, this is a Bill to attempt to make all City elections along with school election, partisan. This is consistently fought by the Municipal League in cities who don't want a part of partisan politics and city elections or school elections but if this one comes up, he will let the city know.

15. Adjournment- All in Favor