

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
October 17, 2023
Minutes**

The Tontitown Public Hearing and City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 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

Due to technical difficulties YouTube was not available for this meeting.

1. Meeting Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Tim Burress was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Russell- "Council Comments "is missing from the agenda and requested that it be added before the "Mayor Comments".

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve and add "Council Comments" before Mayor Comments.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the September 19,2023 City Council Minutes.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

7. Department Reports

A. Museum

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Monday, October 2, 2023.

1. Polenta Smear: Save the Date, November 5, 2023, for our 21st annual Tontitown Reunion and old-fashioned Polenta Smear featuring a Taste of Tontitown. We will be partnering with the local restaurants to serve tasting portions of their signature dishes.

2. Italian Visitors: THM was happy to host Luciano Caleffi and his wife on Sunday, October 8th. Luciano is a lead researcher in Tontitown history, he has researched the lives of those who came to settle in Tontitown prior to their departure in 1895. With his help Tontitown continues to be discussed, researched and written about in Italy, including his book, "Terra Promessa", a copy was presented to the museum and to Mayor Russell.

3. Symbols Day: THM was invited to represent the grape at Shiloh Museum of Ozark History on October 10th, this day invited K-3rd students to learn about the various symbols of Arkansas and why they are important to our history in the state. We met with 265 students from several different school districts as well as homeschool groups.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 4th as we will be preparing for the Polenta Smear in November.

B. Police

**Tontitown Police Monthly
Report Month: September 2023**

Calls for Service – 910

Accident Reports – 17

Warrants Served – 90

Warrants Outstanding –1167

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,514,998.50

Training Hours (YTD) – 2,647

Citation Total - 259

Speeding Citations - 14

(Other) Traffic Citations - 151

Criminal Citations – 44

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 50

Warning Total - 487

Speeding Warnings – 138

(Other) Traffic Warnings – 349

C. Fire

Fire Department Report

September 2023 Total

Calls: 47

EMS 29

FIRE 5

MVA 6

FALSE ALARM 4

SERVICE CALL 3

MUTUAL AID 2

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

September 2023: 505 calls for service

September 2022: 380 calls for service

Increase of 125 calls to date over 2022

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 37 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 22 seconds.

Code Enforcement opened ___ new cases and closed ___ in September.

The fire department completed over 400 training hours in September.

We have one cadet in Firefighter standards school. We have three cadets in EMT school. Steven Sporer attended Officer II. Ryan Krug attended Haz-Mat Technician

D. Public Works/Engineering

Tim Burress attended the meeting at this time by phone.

Reference the city website for detailed report.

E. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

F. Planning

October Agenda:

- 1. Old Oak Warehouse - The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct two warehouses at 432 Industrial Drive in a C-2 Commercial Zone.**
- 2. Old Oak Warehouse LSD - The applicant is requesting approval of a Large-Scale Development to construct two warehouses of 39,750 and 31,000 square feet at 432 Industrial Drive.**

The 2024 City Budget will be presented at the November Committee of the Whole Meeting.

8. Comments from Citizens

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. A.D.E.Q. voted and approved the Waste Management landfill expansion.
2. Asked that everyone look up regulation 22 in Arkansas.
3. Very disappointed with this ruling.

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

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business: NONE

11. New Business:

- A. Approval of an Ordinance to amend ordinance no 2008-02-305 in its entirety – Angie/Engineering

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval of a resolution amending resolution no 2020-11-905R and amending the percentage of distribution of the one percent city wide sales and use tax – Angie

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burrese

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of an Ordinance to rezone approximately 1.373 acres of real property located at 1583 Arbor Acres Ave – Planning

The mayor recused herself from the meeting and left the council chambers.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Daniel Montez Voted= YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- NO
Misty Piazza Voted- YES
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

5 Votes = YES to 1 Vote- NO
Motion Passes

- D. Approval of an ordinance to rezone approximately 1.5 acres of real property on Kenneth Price Road – Planning

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Council

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.

Misty Piazza

1. Halloween in the Park October 31st, still needing pumpkins, cash donations, candy, prizes.
2. Need items to stock the new Fire Station pantry.
Misty Piazza contact number is 479-466-3994.

Amber Ibarra

1. Need non gender prizes/toys.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Very disappointed in A.D.E.Q. and the judge's ruling.
2. Thanked Kenneth Lovett for his continued work on this issue.

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked the city employees for their hard work.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Need non-perishable food items for the new Fire Station.
2. November 4th is the tree give away, reference the city website for details and to choose two available trees.
3. The city will begin round 2 of the city budget report.

14. Comments from City Attorney

1. Has the email that explains the FEMA updates, if anyone would like to review the changes.

15. **Adjournment- All in FAVOR**