

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



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
March 7, 2024
Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for **Thursday**, March 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Microsoft Teams.

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1. Meeting Call to Order

2. Roll Call

All in attendance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of February 6, 2024, COW Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve the minutes.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Comments from Citizens

Nina Brown 1851 S. Pianalto Rd. Tontitown, AR

1. Waste Management testing is a great concern.
2. Waste Management is not just a Tontitown problem, it's a NW Arkansas problem.
3. The air quality is not as good as it used to be.

4. Asked that NW Arkansas be tuned in to what is happening with Waste Management.

7. Old Business:- NONE

8. New Business:

A. Discussion of an Ordinance to rezone approximately 2.89 acres of real property located at 443 W. Liberty from agriculture to Residential- Willard Rezone- Angie/Mark Latham

The owners of this rezone are Don and Tinka Willard. The owners purchase the property to construct a single-family home. The current Agricultural Zoning does not meet the 5-acre requirement and therefore must be rezoned.

The Future Land Use Category shown in this area is for Residential Transition Commercial Neighborhood (RC-T).

**Misty motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Amber Ibarra**

Daniel Montez Voted-NO

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

5 Votes YES to 1 Vote NO

B. Discussion of a Resolutions authorizing the submittal of an application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program Grant -Chamber Springs – Angie/ James Clark –

James Clark has been working with Cassie Elliott who has done a lot of work in the last 20 years with small communities to help residents receive better quality water services. Mrs. Elliott presented to the council a power point and samples of their well water she and 20 other residents in Chamber Springs are experiencing. Tontitown has a water line closest to Chamber Springs and is hoping to be able to hookup to that water line.

High contaminants levels of oil, grease, Sulphur, and coliform have been Identified, some residents have a filtering system, but the water is still not fit to drink or even bathe, and not everyone can afford a filtering system due to the cost.

Charla Reed and Matt Reed both of Chambers Springs showed the council a sample of the filtered water from Matt's well and Charla said illness has been reported.

Mrs. Elliott is looking to apply for grants and James Clark said there is no cost to the city other than maintaining the water line.

Reference YouTube for detailed information.

There are four Resolutions that need to be approved by the City of Tontitown so that Mrs. Elliott can apply for this specific grant to be used for this specific purpose.

Resolution #1- A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Mike Washkowiak motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Resolution #2- A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN'S JURISDICTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

Amber Ibarra motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Resolution #3- A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Misty Piazza motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

Resolution #4- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ARKANSAS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS

Daniel Montez motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Discussion of a Resolution authorizing the execution of change order No. 1 for the Highway 412 Water Improvements project - Angie/James Clark

The City of Tontitown previously entered into a contract with Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc. for the Highway 412 Water Improvements Project and upon review and consultation with the project engineer, it is apparent that the project will require a work order in the amount of \$94,300.00, in order to expand the scope of services to include boring across Highway 412 for a 12-inch water line, and eliminating a connection to an existing 12-inch water line.

Misty Piazza motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Discussion of a Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Tontitown to Utilize Federal- Aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Traffic Signal HWY412/Klenc- Angie/ Mark Latham

The City of Tontitown was previously awarded \$360,000.00 in the year 2020 to fund the project and the City of Tontitown is requesting additional construction funds in the amount of \$501,500.00 in order to complete the project.

Amber Ibarra motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

E. Discussion of a Resolution - Highway 612 Water and Sewer Relocation- Angie/James Clark

ARDOT's upcoming construction of Highway 612 from Old Highway 68 west of Tontitown to Highway 112 south of Cave Springs, the City of Tontitown must relocate seven (7) sections of water and gravity sewer lines that will be in conflict with the highway construction.

The city has received a proposal from Garver, LLC, the total cost associated with this project is estimated to be approximately \$4,178,550.00, however, the City of Tontitown will only be responsible for \$37,568.00, which is 0.90 percent of the total cost, with ARDOT reimbursing the city for the remaining 99.10 percent.

Tim Burress noticed that Tontitown's amount is incorrect, and James Clark is to review and correct the error before the next City Council Meeting.

**Tim Burress motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting with the corrected amount.
Second by Daniel Montez**

Motion Passes Unanimously

9. Comments from Council Members

Daneil Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Misty Piazza

1. Thanked P&K Equipment for hosting the March 5th Coffee and Conversation.
2. The Venesian Inn Restaurant will be hosting the April 2nd Coffee and Conversation, notifications will be on Facebook and the city will send out emails.
3. Save the Date "Spring Family Fun Event" will be held on April 20, 2024, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. At Tontitown Park.

There will be a Modern-Day Car Show, Pickle Ball Tournament, Childrens Makers Market, and several food trucks.

Amber Ibarra

1. Thanked the Chamber Springs citizens for coming out and showing us some eye opening and very scary stuff and seeing what Tontitown can do to help.

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked Cassie Elliott and the citizens of Chamber Springs for coming out and answering questions. We hope this all works out and get the residents some help, we all take for granted that we can turn our faucets on, shower, and drink etc. and no one should have to worry about the water quality here in the United States, in 2024.
2. Will be out of the state for the next Council Meeting but will try to attend via zoom.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked all those who spoke at tonight's meeting.
2. Really concerned about Waste Management and the impact they are having on the environment, and we are doing everything we can to combat this problem.
3. Happy Birthday to "You know who you are".

Larry Ardemagni

1. He had no idea that in 2024 there was drinking water that looked like that and we need to get that resolved.
2. Thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

10. Comments from Mayor

1. The new computer for Council Chambers has been installed, thank you to William Sweeney and Brad Spurlock for getting it up and running.
2. Congratulations to Brad Spurlock for passing Capstone Home Study, this is the final step to becoming a Certified Arkansas Planning Official.
3. The Foundation Meeting has been rescheduled for March 11th at 6:00 pm, in chambers.
4. Air test results from the National Guard, two chemicals were found Benzene and Acrolein and to the mayor's understanding there is to be more testing.
5. The mayor addressed the burning at her residents. The mayor stated that city officials were not notified that there would be air testing going to happen the week of February 5th, open burning is allowed in Tontitown per code 93.02 "Outdoor and Open Burning". The mayor's husband was preparing his annual garden and was burning corn stalks and debris from the previous season. There was NO trim or any wood like that burning, that was an incorrect statement made, the burning lasted approximately 30 minutes and when he found out about the air testing, he did not burn the other two days that he had already scheduled as we wanted the air results accurate. The mayor was at a city event at the time and was unaware that he would be burning but found out later.

11. Comments from Attorney

12. Adjournment- All in Favor