

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

**City Council**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the February 2024 City Council Minutes

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the minutes.  
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, March 19, 2024.

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Monday, March 4, 2024.

1. Upcoming Exhibits: Museum staff are working on a new exhibit in THM and within City Hall. Our intern Alessandro is taking lead on the creation of the Veterans of Tontitown display that will be housed in the City Hall display case, this will be his semester project and he will also be presenting his work to his peers and teachers in May, date to be determined. The second exhibit that will be featuring the Women of Tontitown 1898-Present. This exhibit will highlight women in the community, their work inside and outside their homes and the traditions they have passed down through the generations. Both exhibits will be up for at least 1 year from their unveiling.

2. Arkansas Museum Association Regional Meetup: Tontitown Historical Museum was honored to host this quarterly meet-up on February 8th. This event is to bring our local museum community together to share news on our museums, events and to network. We hosted over a dozen individuals from 5 different Northwest Arkansas museums.

3. History Day: Tontitown Historical Museum was invited to host a table in National History Day which was held at the University of Arkansas on Saturday February 24th. Emily was present to talk with local students about their projects and to promote Tontitown Historical Museum.

4. Cries from the Cotton Field: We are promoting the release of Dr. Larry Foley's feature length documentary which aims to tell the story of the founding of Tontitown and the people who founded it. The world premiere will be May 8th, at 6:30 at Har-Ber High Performing Arts Center. We hope to see you there!

5. Board Changes: At our March meeting we elected a new Vice-President, Kara Jo Engle and a new Secretary, Allyson Bowen. We are thankful for their enthusiasm in their new posts and their willingness to step up.

6. New Board Member: We are pleased to announce we have a new onboarding board member, Chelsea Stewart. Chelsea is the Museum Manager at Peel Museum & Botanical Garden in Bentonville.

7. Save the Date: Heritage Day will be held June 2nd, at the Arthur Penzo Pavilion. We have some exciting plans for this event as we are celebrating 125 years of Tontitown history this year.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 1 pm; Friday & Saturday 1 pm – 4 pm.

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 1st.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: February 2024.

Calls for Service – 718  
Accident Reports – 12  
Warrants Served – 118  
Warrants Outstanding - 1263  
Warrants Amount - \$ 1,603,039.50  
Training Hours (YTD) – 460  
Citation Total - 224  
Speeding Citations - 10  
(Other) Traffic Citations - 150  
Criminal Citations – 29  
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 35  
Warning Total – 432  
Speeding Warnings – 122  
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 310

C. Fire

Fire Department Report February 2024

Total Calls: 34

EMS 14

FIRE 9

MVA 3

FALSE ALARM 7

SERVICE CALL 1

MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

February 2024: 76 calls for service

February 2023:101 calls for service

Decrease of 25 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 47 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 55 seconds.

Code Enforcement opened   0   new cases and closed   0   in February.

The fire department completed 274 training hours in February.

Volunteer Staffing Hours: 180

New cadets added: Jay Webb, Keegan Stillwell.

Overnight staffing by volunteers has started.

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for detailed report.

## E. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

## F. Planning

### 1. March Planning Commission

Siemens Rezone - The applicant is requesting a rezone of 4.65 acres from R-3 (Single family) to commercial (C1) at 1278 Piazza Rd. to construct an RV Park. Parcel #: 830-38117-000.

**This rezone will not be heard at this time, will bring back later date.**

### Community Development

1. Development Codes Update
2. Community Foundation
3. First Coffee
4. Community project funding
5. Impact fees
6. Heritage District

## 8. Comments from Citizens-

Mark Calcagni 12642 Arbor Acres Rd., Tontitown, AR

1. Asked for help concerning the air and water quality, after speaking with a prominent judge (would not disclose the name of the judge) and suggests having ordinances put in place for both.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Frustrated with environmental attorneys on the opposing side and their childish comments.
2. Not sure what to do moving forward.
3. Need Continued help.
4. In his opinion we need legal representation with environmental experience for Tontitown because he has zero faith with Tontitown City Attorney Mr. Eichmann.

## 9. Old Business:

## 10. New Business:

- A. Approval of a Resolution removing certain property and equipment from the fixed assets records maintained by the city -Angie/Corey

Municipalities are required to maintain a list of all fixed assets which are owned by the municipality and the City Council has been advised by the City of Tontitown that certain property and equipment is no longer of use to the city and should be removed from the list of fixed assets in accordance with state law.

2016 Dodge Charger VIN# 2C3CDXKT1GH206326  
2017 Dodge Charger VIN# 2C3CDXKT9HH564081  
2017 Dodge Charger VIN# 2C3CDXKT9HH621282  
2023 Dodge Charger VIN# 2C3CDXAT4PH555207

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval of Resolution to enter into a renewed interlocal mutual aid agreement with the City of Elm Springs Police Department- Angie/Corey  
Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of an Ordinance to rezone approximately 2.89 acres of real property located at 443 W. Liberty from agricultural 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).

Owner Don Willard was present to answer questions.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program Grant- Chamber Springs- Angie/James Clark

**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-** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ARKANSAS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

**Resolution #2-** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

**Resolution #3-** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

**Resolution #4-** 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.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of change order No. 1 for 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.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- F. Approval 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.

Nina Brown 1851 S. Pinalto Rd., Tontitown, AR.

1. Asked if a left turn lane is still being installed? James Clark said NO due to the lack of funds.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. A left turn lane is needed as well as a north and south corridor options.

James Dean 1025 Trailwood St., Tontitown, AR.

1. Asked when the traffic light would be installed. James Clark said more funding is to be requested.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Garver, LLC for the relocation of utilities for the ARDOT HWY 412/112 water and sewer relocations project.

**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 \$37,607.00, which is 0.90 percent of the total cost, with ARDOT reimbursing the city for the remaining 99.10 percent.**

**Misty Piazza motioned to approve.**

**Second by Amber Ibarra**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

## 11. Comments from Alderman

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting.
2. Displeased regarding why legal staff left loopholes for another developer to weasel out of some street improvements on Sbanotto, now the Mantgani half street and the

sidewalks that were not installed on Ardemagni and NAPA. Now the citizens of Tontitown have to fit the bill, approximately \$400,000.00 to \$800,000.00 and we have \$270,000.00 in retention, 20% of the project.

3. Suggest looking at our city codes, avenues to hold the developers accountable and possible new legal representation for Tontitown.
4. Apologized to the citizens on behalf of the city, for learning about this at the same time.

Misty Piazza

1. Continuing to work on the turning lane.
2. Thanked Mark Latham and those who spoke tonight.
3. Sending a get well soon to Riley Tessaro who had surgery and please keep him in your prayers.
4. Save the Date April 12<sup>th</sup> Spring Tontitown Family Fun Day Event.

Amber Ibarra

1. Miss having the mayor, Tim and Mike at tonight's meeting.
2. Keep the Burress family in your prayers.
3. Like the agenda binders.
4. Thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

12. Comments from Mayor-NONE
13. Comments from City Attorney-NONE
14. **Adjournment-** All in Favor

Approved this day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Angela Russell, Mayor

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Rhonda Ardamagni, City Clerk-Recorder