Of Mayor – Angela Russell
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni
City Attorney –Justin Eichmann
Law Firm—Harrington-Miller
City Engineer–CK Civil Engineering

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 18, 2025
Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.

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City Council

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

   Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the agenda.
   Second by Tim Burress

   Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of February 25, 2025, City Council Minutes

   Daniel Montez motioned to approve the minutes.
   Second by Larry Ardemagni

   Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Financial Report

   Reference the city website for detailed report.

7. Department Reports
   A. Museum

The THM Board of Directors met March 3, 2025, at City Hall.

1. **History Day: Staff were present at History Day on March 8th, Juli hosted a booth with our new Discovery Box, students that were between their presentations and the award ceremony were**

allowed to wander around the booths and learn more about local NWA history. Emily was on-site as a Judge for History Day then joined Juli at the table. We made several connections with local educators who are interested in bringing field trips to THM as well as using Tontitown history for future History Day projects.

2. **Digitization Project: CatalogIT is going quick, import features are working great which is streamlining our data entry for photos. We hope to have the photos from past Polenta Smears imported by the end of the year if not earlier.**

3. **Visitors: 18 visitors for February. In 2024 we had 29, with hosting an AMA meet-up and Shaw Elementary.**

4. **Committees: After further discussion the following committees have been proposed and filled, final voting on the placements will take place in April; Food Committee (this group makes sure there is food at each meeting, and donate their time and money to do so), Volunteer Committee (this group is in charge of Junior members and volunteers of THM), Newsletter Committee (meet 2x a year to review and edit the THM Storia), Expansion Committee (meet, discuss and present future expansion plans), Collections Committee (in charge of getting with staff about new accessions, policy changes or questions about the collection), Fundraising Committee (in charge of any capital campaigns for future fundraisers), Education Committee (support staff to produce classroom content and ensure our summer camp program meets standards of education). We will present the final committees and how they are filled next month.**

5. **Guests: We had three guests last meeting, Rachel Pianalto-Strickland, Katie Jo Piazza, Nikki Mussino; all are interested in joining the board (Katie and Nikki as Junior Members). They have been invited to attend a couple more meetings and our upcoming Heritage Day Event on June 1st, then their membership will be voted on this summer.**

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 7th.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: February 2025
Calls for Service – 616
Accident Reports – 15
Warrants Served – 59
Warrants Outstanding – 1280
Warrants Amount - $ 1,589,928.66
Training Hours (YTD) – 687
Citation Total - 118
Speeding Citations - 5
(Other) Traffic Citations - 71
Criminal Citations – 22
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 20
Warning Total - 289
Speeding Warnings – 82
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 207

C. Fire

Fire Department Report FEBRUARY 2025

Total Calls: 50
EMS 32
FIRE 1
MVA 5
FALSE ALARM 2
SERVICE CALL 3
MUTUAL AID 0
ALARMS 5
CANCELED IN ROUTE 2

Calls within city limits of Tontitown
February 2025: 98calls for service February 2024: 76 calls for service
Increase of 22 calls to date over 2024
Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 19 seconds.
Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 45 seconds.

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for detailed report.

E. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

F. Community Development

March Council Report:
Community Development Department

• Planning

1) Kissinger Rezone Request - Applicant is requesting a rezone of property located at 1668 Kissinger Ave. Applicant is requesting zoning from A (Agriculture) to R-E (Residential Estates) and is on 5.94 acres. Parcel #: 830-38156-000

2) Phillips Meyer Holdings, LLC Rezone Request - Applicant is requesting a rezone of property located 1076 N Barrington Rd. Applicant is requesting zoning from A (Agriculture) to R-E (Residential Estates) and is on 5 acres. Parcel #: 830-38014-005

3) Ace Hardware Waiver (if presented)

4) Discussion of R3 dimension zoning from January's meeting

5) Discussion of Heritage District Design Standards of January's meeting

6) Discussion of 612/412 overlay district Design Standards from January's meeting.

7) Update on Waste Management LSD.

• Street and Stormwater

1) 412 and Barrington

2) Fletcher Ave.

3) Overlay and Bandini and Zuplo

4) SOQ for Community Building.

5) Mantegani street upgrade.

• Grants

1) Grant submitted with Congressman Womack 2026 Community project Funding for sewer.

2) Staff will be submitting a TAP grant for protected school crossings and STGPT grant for ROW and Utility relocation on 412 and Barrington.

8. Comments from Citizens

   Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR
   1. Continued issues with landfill, ADEQ, chemicals, and attorney's

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

   Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.
   Second by Misty Piazza

   Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business:
    A. None

11. New Business:

    A. Approval of a Resolution authorizing payment to the school of EMS for four (4) employees of the Tontitown Fire Department to attend a paramedic training program. - Mayor/Ryan Krug

       Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. Approval of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of a 15-foot utility easement located at parcel no. 830-37649-000 within the City of Tontitown- Mayor/James Clark

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

C. Approval of a Resolution to declare surplus and authorize the sale of certain equipment for the City of Tontitown-Mayor/Mark Latham

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

D. Approval of a Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Tontitown to utilize federal-aid transportation alternatives program or recreational trails program funds for the pedestrian crossing project. – Mayor/Mark Latham

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

E. Approval of a Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Tontitown to utilize federal-aid surface transportation block grant program- attributable funds administered by the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning commission for a project to construct a left turn lane on Barrington Road and for improvements to the U.S. Highway 412 and Barrington Road intersection. – Mayor/Mark Latham

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

F. Approval of a resolution to authorize the destruction of certain court records of the Washington County District Court, Elm Springs Department- Mayor

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

G. Approval of an Ordinance to amend section 30.05 Order of Business in the Tontitown Municipal code; declaring an emergency and for other purposes- Tim Burress

This was a lengthy discussion with numerous comments of support, made by citizens of Tontitown and guests approving the ordinance and one opposing the ordinance.

Reference YouTube for detailed comments and the city website for additional information submitted, 11G4 through 11G7.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Ordinance.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

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

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

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

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

12. Comments from Alderman

All council members
1. Thanked everyone for attending and speaking at tonight's meeting.
2. Sent James Clark, Get will Wishes.

Mike Washkowiak
1. A Senate Bill SB456 was passed today through committee, and in Mike's opinion, it is an atrocious bill that guts planning commissions across the state, it pretty much mandates

there are certain zoning regulations that are now going to be forced upon us by the state. Ironically a Republican put this thing forward who says, you know we're we don't want the federal government stepping in the states' rights issues, but they don't mind treading in local government issues, it's just a horrible bill put together so if you have it in your heart you can go look it up its **arkleg.state.ar.us** that's senate bill SB546, you can write to our senator Clint Penzo clint.penzo@senate.ar.gov

Misty Piazza

1. This was one of the hardest meetings she's had to go through and she voted for how the citizens asked her to vote because that's what she was elected to do, so she hopes that doesn't make her a bad Catholic and it may be something she will have to answer for some day, but she did what she was asked to do by the citizens that elected her and it was not easy.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Anytime somebody wants to offer a prayer up this direction, that's the way it's supposed to be done for us; to have seek guidance and knowledge and I'll accept those at any time.

13. Comments from Mayor

    1. Gave an update on James Clark.
    2. Congratulations to Brad Spurlock and Madelyn Parker for completing the Capstone Study, they've already sent in all their paperwork and everything that they need to do and as soon as they get their certification back, they will be certified Arkansas Planning Associates.
    3. Council, if anyone would like to attend the Municipal League let me know as quickly as possible.

14. Comments from City Attorney

    1. Just to piggyback on what Mike was talking about; I got to look at the 456 there's also HB1754 that's equally as bad. I can send you all some talking points. It all but eliminates local zoning regulations by making the standard so high and so hard to enforce and also having financial penalties associated that the city would have to pay, so both of those are to eliminate local control for zoning, so 1754 and SB that's House Bill 1754 and SB456 and I've got a few talking points I'll email to you.

15. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2025.

APPROVED: _____
Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)