

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
February 18, 2025
Minutes

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

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Reappointing- Oaths
State of the City-Mayor
City Council

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

Misty Piazza motioned to approve, with the striking of the first two notes on the agenda, the reappointing Oaths and the State of the City Mayor, that was last month.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of January 21, 2025, City Council Minutes

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the minutes.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Financial Report
2024 FOIA Report
2025 FOIA Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

7. Department Reports

A. Museum

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

1. Interactive Table & Discovery Box: Brittany Berry's E.A.S.T. class has been working on an interactive table that includes fake food and a tablet loaded with videos that were produced by the students. This project has been many years in the making with several classes of students having worked on this, some of the students who started the project have graduated and are currently in college. If you have time this week we encourage all council members and any here present to visit the museum to see this great addition that allows visitors to interact and learn about the food culture of Tontitown!

2. Digitization Project: CatalogIT continues to be filled with artifacts, photos and documents. Features that we have begun to utilize is AI generated descriptions of photos, this task we are monitoring for accuracy and correcting where needed.

3. Visitors: 112 visitors for January, 81 field trippers from Rollins Elementary.

4. Committees: Committees for: Amici Membership, Newsletter, and Expansion have been proposed by the board, in addition to the HR committee that has been in place since last year. These committees will be filled next month.

5. Board Members: THM Board has approved the membership of: Brittany Berry, Kevin Maestri, Chris Taldo and Billy Morgan. We will ask the city council to approve these nominations later this meeting. Ashlyn Bowen has elected to renew her junior board membership for another year and hopes to continue as a full board member when she turns 18 later this year.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm.

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 3rd.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: January 2025

Calls for Service – 635

Accident Reports – 22

Warrants Served – 66

Warrants Outstanding - 1313

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,629,659.41

Training Hours (YTD) – 679

Citation Total - 107

Speeding Citations - 4

(Other) Traffic Citations – 71

Criminal Citations – 20

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) – 12
Warning Total - 312
Speeding Warnings – 59
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 253

C. Fire

Fire Department Report JANUARY 2025

Total Calls: 48

EMS 24

FIRE 3

MVA 4

FALSE ALARM 11

SERVICE CALL 1

MUTUAL AID 0

CANCELED IN ROUTE 5

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

January 2025: 48 calls for service January 2024: 45 calls for service

Increase of 3 calls to date over 2024

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 22 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 10 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

February Council Report:

Community Development Department

- Planning

Discussion of Zoning and Development Codes.

Meeting with NWARPC on January 30 @ 12:30pm – City Hall.

- Street and Stormwater

412 and Barrington

Fletcher Ave. update

SOQ for Community Building.

Easements along Mantegani for the completion of Street widening.

Final design completed on south Pianalto drainage.

1. Grants RAISE grant for South Barrington Road project submitted on January 29th. 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

James Dean 1025 Trailwood, Tontitown, AR

1. Thanked the City Street Department for their hard work trying to keep the roads cleared during the snow event.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Thanked Mark Latham.
2. Washington Water offer was brought to the City of Tontitown by Mick Wagner.
3. The landfill odors continue.
4. Read a letter, from December 10, 2001, regarding Waste Management.
5. Reminder ADEQ Public Hearing is Thursday at 6:00, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in the Parish Hall.

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

Tim Burress motioned to approve,
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business: NONE

11. New Business:

- A. Approval of the appointment of Kevin Maestri, Chris Taldo, Brittany Berry, and Billy Morgan to the Tontitown Historical Museum Board-Emily Pianalto-Beshears/Angie- No Attachments

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Mike Waskowiak Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- ABSTAINED

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- ABSTAINED

Motion Passes

- B. Approval of an ordinance to approve the Casalini Phase II Rezone-Brad Spurlock

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.77 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 992 E. HENRI DE TONTI BLVD (PARCEL NOS. 830-37575-000 AND 830-37578-000) FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO COMMERCIAL TRADES AND SERVICES (C-T) IN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of an ordinance to amend section 51.04: water rate increase-James Clark

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve Exhibit A with the corrected amounts, Rate only, as passed at the last Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of amending the 2024 budget.

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. Approval of a resolution to set and affirm appointments to the Tontitown Planning Commission-Mayor

The City Council of the City of Tontitown desire to affirm two (2) persons to the Tontitown Planning Commission with such persons presently serving as planning commissioners whose terms run from February 2025 to February 28, 2027.

Kevin Boortz, Candy Black, Chris Trout, and Todd Reynolds have submitted their Letters of Intent.

The council went into the executive section.

Amber Ibarra motioned to reappoint Kevin Boortz and Candy Black.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passed Unanimously

F. Approval of a resolution for work order 1A.-Mark Latham

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER NOS. 1.A WITH CK CIVIL ENGINEERING, LLC FOR THE FLETCHER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – SOUTH BARRINGTON ROAD TO KLENC ROAD IN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve 1A only.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

G. Approval of a resolution for the Fire Department to enter Automatic Mutual Aid Agreements-Ryan Krug

#1

Daniel Montez motioned to approve Springdale Fire Department.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

#2

Misty Piazza motioned to approve Cave Springs Fire Department.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

#3

Tim Burress motioned to approve Johnson Fire Department.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

#4

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve Tontitown Area Fire Department.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

#5

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve Fayetteville Fire Department.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

#6

Tim Burress motioned to approve Wheeler Fire Department.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

H. An approval of a resolution of intent regarding capital improvements – Mark Latham/Angie

Reimbursement to the city for expenses from anything that's spent before the bond closing.

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Council

All the council thanked Scott Ardemagni, and all the Street Department guys for their hard work and long hours keeping the streets as safe as possible during the winter storm.

Mike Waskowiak

1. Apologized for not being here in person at the last meeting (mom was hospitalized) and intends to be a councilman as long as he can, as he deals with family duties.
2. Grateful to see citizens wanting to contribute their time.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked Kenneth Lovett and please attend the Thursday meeting.
2. Congratulations to those appointed to the museum.
3. Congratulated Kevin Boortz and Candy Black to the Planning Commission. And thanked Chris Trout and Todd Reynolds for their interest.

Misty Piazza

1. Congratulations to those appointed to the museum.
2. Congratulated Kevin Boortz and Candy Black to the Planning Commission. And thanked Chris Trout and Todd Reynolds for their interest.
3. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Daniel Montez

1. Looking forward to the Growth Management and Emergency Plan.
2. Glad Mike's mom is better and told Mike he does a great job, and that he appreciates him.
3. Asked if payments have stopped going to Gregory Llyod. The mayor replied yes.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Thanked the Street Department, Police Department and Fire Department for their hard work and long hours keeping the citizens safe.
2. Appreciates the council.

14. Comments from City Attorney

15. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of March 2025.

APPROVED: Angela Russell
Angela Russell, Mayor

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