

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
June 17th, 2025
Agenda

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.

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City Council

- 1) Prayer- Pastor Ben Seewald
- 2) Meeting Call to Order
- 3) Roll Call
All in attendance
- 4) Pledge of Allegiance
- 5) Approval of Agenda

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- 6) Approval of May 20, 2025, City Council Minutes

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the minutes.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- 7) Approval of June 03, 2025, Special City Council Minutes

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

- 8) Financial Report

Reference the city website for details.

9) Department Reports

A. Museum

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025

The THM Board of Directors did not meet in June due to Tontitown Heritage Day event.

1. Tontitown Heritage Day June 1st 12p.m.-2p.m.: We had a great turn out for Heritage Day. Thank you to everyone who attended and our sponsors, Red Door, Tontitown Winery and Ranalli Farms and Produce!

2. Digitization Project: The current count for CatalogIt is 2,086; we recently have been loaned the personal photos of one of Tontitown's Vietnam War Veterans to digitize into the collection. These photos are priceless and we are thrilled to be able to get these added into the THM collection for use in our upcoming Veterans of Tontitown exhibit.

3. New Exhibits Coming: As stated above the museum will have two new exhibits starting in 2026, staff are preparing for those installations and gathering photos, artifacts and most importantly stories of that will enrich these exhibits. If you or anyone in your family has served in the military we would love to acknowledge their service in this large-scale exhibit, please contact the museum for details.

4. Visitors: 52 total for May, in 2024 we had 25 visitors for the month of May. We have extended our open hours to 11-4 for the Tontitown Farmer's Market. And we had a couple special tours for out of town visitors that boosted the numbers.

5. Tontitown Summer Camp: THM staff are preparing for the summer camp and can't wait to share photos and what the students got to do during this day camp.

6. Tontitown Business Bingo: Board President Misty Piazza and museum staff are working to put together a community wide business bingo. We had a delayed start to this event and are still gathering businesses to complete the board. As soon as the board is filled the cards will be available to the public.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm There will be no regular THM Board meeting for June due to Heritage Day, the next meeting will be July 7th at City Hall.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: May 2025

Calls for Service -955

Accident Reports - 30

Warrants Served -87

Warrants Outstanding - 1333
Warrants Amount - \$ 1,666,575.91
Training Hours (YTD) – 1533
Citation Total - 185
Speeding Citations -8
(Other) Traffic Citations - 99
Criminal Citations -24
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 54
Warning Total - 552
Speeding Warnings - 207
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 345

C. Fire

Fire Department Report MAY 2025

Total Calls: 50
EMS 23
FIRE 3
MVA 7
FALSE ALARM 4
SERVICE CALL 8
ALARMS 1
CANCELED IN ROUTE 4

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

May 2025: 242 calls for service

May 2024: 202 calls for service

Increase of 40 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): 4 minutes 20 seconds.

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for details.

E. Building Report – mark I

Reference the city website for details.

F. Community Development – mark I.

June Council Report:

Community Development Department

- Planning

1. Update on Waste Management LDS Inspection
2. Rezone of property located at 581 S. Barrington from R-3 to C2 (General Commercial)
3. Rezone from C1 (Light Commercial to I (Industrial) located at the corner of E. Fletcher and West Industrial Drive.
4. Discuss Master Street Plan

- Street and Stormwater

- 1) 412 and Barrington
- 2) Fletcher Ave.
- 3) Overlay Bandini and Zuplo (completed)
- 4) Community Building.
- 5) Mantegani street upgrade.
- 6) South Planalto Stormwater Improvements

- Grants

- 1) TAP grant for protected school crossings and STGPT grant for ROW and Utility relocation on 412 and Barrington has been approved for 1.3 million and 78,000.
- 2) Will be applying for funding for the Community Building with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. Grant due on July 31st.

- Other Projects

- 1) Final draft of the Purchase Policy Manual will be reviewed at the next COW.
- 2) Emergency Management Plan will be introduced at the next COW.

10) Comments from Citizens

Mick Wagner 409 Penzo Ave., Tontitown, AR

1. Mr. Wagner asked, "does any of you enjoy paying taxes. I didn't see a raise of a hand, so I guess nobody does, neither does he, nor do Tontitown business owners. However, Tontitown Code 110.02 O2 requires any business to acquire a valid business license which also includes an Arkansas sales tax ID. Since 1/1/25, Tontitown has issued notice of violation for people operating without business license to 10 separate businesses. The city of Tontitown has paid Zan Automotive several thousand, which includes sales tax. The mayor's family operates Zan Automotive, and she owns the land or her family. The mayor continues to tell people that Zan is a sole proprietor and needs no sales tax ID. Well, according to an email dated 6/30/25, DFA revenue assistant administrator Mr. Michael Yancy says that's not true, you do require a sales tax ID. The city issued a notice to Zan Automotive on 5/29/25 for several violations including no sales tax ID. Arkansas Constitution Article 16 Section 3 as well as ACA 262114, provides citizens with the right to sue officials for evasions of taxes or aiding others to evade tax. These laws also allow for class action status as has been passed by the Supreme on numerous occasions. My request to you, I realize you make the laws but if the businesses of Tontitown are going to have a business license, collect sales tax, Zan Automotive has collected sales tax, my question, Mayor, where is it

went. I would ask you to think about this very seriously before citizens have to take action.

Tammy Graham 1984 S. Pianalto Rd., Tontitown, AR

1. She is here to speak on behalf of someone who was the finest credit to this government before she was fired. Ms. Graham has found a trove of information, and she might be wrong because she is not a lawyer. The sample personnel handbook for Arkansas Cities and Towns, revised May of 2019 has chapter 3, it goes on to discuss at will employment and she guesses a lot of people think they can just fire at will, but apparently that might not be the case, page 12, Ms. Graham read the first sentence, "council or city board members should also be aware that they are not individually immune from lawsuits arising from personnel issues" that's all she's going to read. The firing of Luann Jenison was unjust and unjustified, and she would dare any of you to prove that it was. Ms. Graham did a Freedom of Information Act request asking for all the documentation related to her firing and the only thing that was there was a couple of paragraphs signed by the mayor that her behavior was insubordinate. There was no supporting evidence, "what was this insubordinate behavior" she knows that the city stands to lose a lot if you do not bring her back.

Mike Zulpo 900 S. Pianalto, Tontitown, AR

1. Mr. Zulpo said he was floored the other day when he walked in City Hall to take care of a little bit of business, and Luann was not in her office. Luann's usually the first one he sees, she is there on the left, she greets me, she either can answer all my questions, or she points me in the right direction. He does not know what happened, but he is going to tell you, unless it is a really good something that is not shown in the FOIs, Luann needs to come back to this city. She always has a big smile on her face and like he said she could always answer everybody's questions, so you council members and women need to look at everything tonight to get Ms. Luann back to this city.

11) 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

12) Old Business:

- A. An approval of service bids for City Hall.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve Jan-Pro Cleaning Services.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

13) New Business:

- A. An approval of an ordinance to rezone approximately 4 acres at 2785 W Liberty Ave from "I" (Industrial) to "C-T"(Commercial Trades and Services)-Brad

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the rezone at 2785 W Liberty Ave.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. An approval of an ordinance to rezone 32.5 acres at 586 N Barrington From "R-3" (residential) to "A" (agriculture) – Brad

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the rezone at 586 N Barrington.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. An approval of sale of Surplus materials – James

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the sale of city surplus materials.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. An approval of a change order for Goodwin & Goodwin – James

Larry Gregory with Garver Engineering explained the reason for the change order, in the amount of \$943,300.00.

James Clark said approximately 90 percent should be reimbursed to the city from ARDOT.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the change order for Goodwin & Goodwin.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

14) Comments from Alderman

Mike Washkowiak

1. Apologized for missing the last meeting.
2. He has some tickets for anyone interested in going to Crystal Bridges, first come first serve.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked Pastor Ben Seewald.

Misty Piazza

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Had a great attendance for Heritage Days.
3. Save the Date for the first weekend in November for the Potente Smear.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Amber Ibarra

1. Echoed what everyone has said.

15) Comments from Mayor- NONE

16) Comments from City Attorney- NONE

17) Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2025.

APPROVED: _____

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer

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