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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

**Committee of The Whole
September 2nd, 2025
Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Microsoft Teams.

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- 1. Prayer- Tim Schmidt**
 - 2. Meeting Call to Order**
 - 3. Roll Call**
Mike Washkowiak was absent
 - 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 5. Approval of Agenda**

The council did not receive their agenda packet until the very morning of the meeting, which left very little time for their review.

Tim Burress motioned to strike all items from the agenda except Item 10A and reschedule the remaining items for Thursday September 4 at 6:00.

Second by Misty Piazza

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- NO

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

4 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

6. Approval of August 4th, 2025, COW Minutes

**Tim Burress motioned to approve the August 4th, 2025, COW Minutes.
Second by Daniel Montez**

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Approval of August 18th, 2025, Special COW Minutes

**Tim Burress motioned to approve the August 18th, 2025, Special COW Minutes.
Second by Daniel Montez**

Misty Piazza Voted- ABSTAINED

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni- Voted- YES

4 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- ABSTAINED

Motion Passes

8. Comments from Citizens- Mike Waskowiak attended the meeting during this time.

Mick Wagner 409 Penzo Ave., Tontitown, AR

- 1. Mr. Wagner stated its crying shame that you don't get your paperwork on time. People come halfway across the state to make a presentation, and they can't do it.**
- 2. The subject of his discussion tonight is that the city paid over \$5,000 for a so-called evaluation report. What was it to prove? No counsel except maybe one of y'all have been able to see it. Seven people were interviewed. Who's those people? Employee evaluated has released her confidentiality blanket if that's what you want to call it. Others, however, that were interviewed have not, not sure what they're worried about or what they're trying to hide. The AG will find that one of four legs that allow a personal valuation to be released under FOIA, was not met just because Luann's firing was not permanent. That so-called does not allow it to be released under for you. That'll be litigated at a later date. What are you people trying to hide? I don't know. The council must read this.**

Miss Piazza, you sent a text to every alderman saying that you had witnessed two fire able offenses. Would you care to share with us? And he realizes you're not going to talk back to him, but it looks like if he's going to accuse somebody of being a fire able offense, I believe I'd have enough guts to tell the public why you think they need to be fired. If not, I don't know what's your angle. Were you one of the ones that got interviewed? Are you the one of them that's saying, "Oh, I want to hide behind my blanket of protection." I don't know. Good, see you tonight, Mr. Eichmann.

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

- 1. Yesterday afternoon she submitted to the Northwest Arkansas Times one of what she expects to be several articles. The first article of concern is in fact following up on Luann's firing and the over**

\$5,000 that was spent in an attempt to try and justify her firing. Evidently, it wasn't justified because she's sitting back there. And the request that I made in this article is that you all please call an executive session so that you if we can, if the public can't know what went on but you know what went on. It's your responsibility to um at this point I would say try and exercise some professional control over city government. You can do that, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would. Thank you for your time.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. In the matter of issuance of the final permit decision of Eco Vista LLC class 4 and class one, the appeal for from a decision of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission permit will be the first filed docket by ordered dated September the 18th, 2024. The court will hear the considered matters on September 5th, which is Friday, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Washington County Courthouse. Everybody, Tiny Town, if you're listening, if you care about your family and you care about your grandchildren, you should be there.
2. Concerning the discussion, you know, changing, you got people here, why not hear them? It's a discussion. It's not a vote. Why would you walk in here at six o'clock and say, "Let's change this all of a sudden because I don't know how to talk for whatever the deal is." A discussion is a discussion. It's not a vote. It should be heard tonight while these men are here.
3. There are people in this room that continue to bring up things that are already handled. Miss Lan Jennison has been fired. She has been rehired, and she is working. If there's an issue still, it should be taken up with litigation. It should never have been a special meeting to start with. I don't believe it was called properly. I don't believe that it was handled properly. I believe that y'all talked with your lawyer. And I believe the decision was made on their own reconnaissance or whatever without following the statement that the lawyer had told you was the proper way to handle it. And I don't know. I just do not agree with these two other people that was in the room. That's my personal opinion. And thank you for your time. But everybody with Tontitown, please be there Friday 9:00 a.m.

Meagan Morgan 956 Kleenc Rd., Tontitown, AR

1. The nice young lady in the office had told me you guys were going to have a meeting about the traffic and all the fun stuff going on Kleenc. And since that's now being pushed, which totally fine, not blaming anybody. Schedule's a little crazy. I just wanted to kind of voice my opinion just in case I can't come to the reschedule. The traffic is crazy but that's kind of anywhere. My husband would like to move, if he had any say in it, we would because of all the incoming traffic. We've only been here for three years and all of the subdivisions across from us have just blown up. Obviously, you guys all know that. Somebody, maybe not all of you, have all passed for those things to go in. I get it, tax dollars, all the fun things. My worry is that in the very near future, which is why I'm here, the road is going to need to be widened. To what extent, I have no idea. But I'm pretty confident in saying that land is not going to be taken from the subdivisions on Kleenc. It's going to be taken from the estate lots like our own and like our neighbors. and infringing on our property at that point. So, I just wanted to voice that, hey, growth is great. It's great that, you know, Tontitown is just blowing up like a lot of other small ancillary cities in Northwest Arkansas. But maybe just in the future when everyone's approving these things, we can think a little further out on, growth, expansion,

where are these roads going to go? Are we going to take from people who have paid for those lots in advance and expected to keep a certain amount of acreage of their land so on and so forth. So that was kind of like my little two cents in the matter that I just wanted to kind of hear you guys out on what your thoughts were about it um and share mine as a mom and just a homeowner.

2. The other thing is I don't know if there's somebody that um can make some calls, but the amount of trash that just builds up. We own 956 and 920, which is the lot next door, and I do all the mowing. My husband works a lot and the amount of trash that is on our side of the road and even on the other side honestly in the ditch that I have gone over and just picked up because I know that if I don't pick it up it's just going to blow over to my side or get in the you know well waters all those things. I didn't know if there was someone that we could call. I know from what I've heard since living there, Waste Management takes care of a certain amount of properties closer to them. So, that's all I had to say.

Bill Hudson 974 Harmon Dr., Tontitown, AR, submitted an email to be read by Tim Burress on his behalf.

1. I encouraged a friend who lives on Kleenc to attend tonight's meeting and speak about the traffic. I live on Harmon and have concerns about increased heavy truck traffic if limitations are placed on Kleenc. There's a spot on Harmon directly in front of my home where there is absolutely no shoulder and if someone is off the pavement by inches, there will be a serious accident with injuries.

9. Old Business: NONE

10. New Business:

- A. A discussion of the Arkansas Legislative Audit 2024 - Mayor

The mayor gave the 2023 and 2024 findings and recommendations and the city's responses to the findings.

There was strong criticism regarding the audit. Reference YouTube for details.

11. Comments from Council Members

Mike Washkowiak

1. Apologized for being late and was updated on the changes to tonight's agenda.

Tim Burress

1. Just wanted to take a moment to set the record straight. I know I can't address any of the citizens in these meetings, but there were a couple things mentioned that I would like to talk about. There was a citizen that made a comment about this HR report that the mayor spent approximately \$5,000 on. I don't know who that citizen spoke with. I was aware of that, and I thought it was a good idea at the time. Another citizen made a comment about their opinion about whether or not that was necessary. I haven't spoken much about this, but the reason why we made the decisions that we

made, and I don't know that we necessarily owe this to the citizens, but I do want to be transparent, was that we weren't certain that that was a justified termination. We are allowed to call an executive meeting at any time for any reason over any topic. To do that, one of two things must happen. Either the mayor has the right to call an executive session, or three council members have the right to call an executive session. Nobody makes that decision in a vacuum. Nobody makes that decision lightly. And I believe I can speak for all of us when I say we would all rather live our lives than let our whole life circle around what we do sitting up here on the dais. I'm certainly in that number. With that said, we called a meeting. We weren't entirely certain about the rules of that meeting. We weren't able to come up with a decision that we felt comfortable with. We called a second meeting. In that second meeting, Miss Jennison was reinstated. Our attorney at that point in time had recommended hiring a person to investigate. We thought at the very least that it was a good idea to have that investigation to see if that employee did indeed deserve to be fired or not. I have not seen that HR report. I find that troublesome that we have not been able to see that. We probably need an executive session in order to look at that. But with that said, just so you know, that's the point we got to. I have not read that report, but I noticed that particular employee is here and remains employed. So, I suspect that report justified the council reinstating that person. I do believe it was the right move in order to protect our mayor and avoid legal action and I stand by that decision. You're all allowed to have your own opinions.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Echoed Mr. Buress's comment. I would also if that's one way to get our hands on it, you know, an executive session on that would be transparent to us on either, you know, I've been told that it vindicates us in our actions that we've taken to reinstate the employee.
3. Just to kind of echo back onto this 2024 audit, I mean, there's a lot of things in this report that were bullet pointed tonight that I hope we don't stumble into the same patterns here year the next year coming up. But I would assume that we might stumble into new ones. You know, we're kind of going and learning and pinging from one item to another and learning as we go. But there's just some things in here that are that are really fishy. You know, it bugs me a lot that we've paid out \$27,000 for equipment and then we paid out another \$16,000 for stuff we didn't receive. I mean, that's just crazy. I'm going to round up the numbers. \$30,000 and \$16,000. Do people or you guys have \$40,000 to just throw out and give away? Cuz, I don't. And if you do, I would welcome you to write me a check and I will go cash it. That just really hurts my gut when I hear \$45,000, we're giving away. So, I'm going to go home and sulk on that.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Friday at 9:00 AM courthouse.
2. It was my understanding if you're living on Kleenc Waste Management is supposed to clean that up. They're supposed to. But I think we will maybe hold their feet to the fire a little more.
3. I think we need to explore filing lawsuit against Mr. Lloyd if he can't come up with money. I think a lawsuit's the next step.
4. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

12. Comments from Mayor

1. I just wanted to respond about the IT, all of the IT information that was given out, the equipment, things like that. We were putting together a new fire department. They were trying to get the

equipment for the fire department. I know nothing about equipment for fire department, nor do I know anything about it stuff. So, the person that did and was over that project, I asked to be here tonight and was told he would be here, but he's not. So, I can let you guys contact Chief Jennison and he can direct you to the person that he needs to talk to because I know nothing about it or equipment or anything like that. And hopefully you can contact him, and he can get you in touch with the right person. Let's move over to fun stuff.

2. Family Fun Day will be on September the 13th. I hope everybody will be able to come out um on September the 13th uh for our Bocce Bowl and family fun. We'll have food trucks here. Lots of fun stuff going on. We desperately, desperately need donations for the Family Fun Day events. If you know of anybody that would like to help out with that, please contact the city. Also, our Halloween in the Park will be October 31st. We've been getting a lot of calls on that as well, and we'll need donations to get to keep that event going.
3. Mark Laam and James Clark will be out of town at a utility summit next week. The following week of the 15th, Meline will be attending the BI State Conference. So, we'll be gaining more knowledge in our city halls.
4. Appreciates everybody and thank you for coming tonight.

13. Comments from Attorney- NONE

14. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2025.

APPROVED: _____
Angela Russell, Mayor

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