

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
September 16th, 2025
Minutes**

**The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at
Tontitown City Hall.**

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City Council

1) Public Hearing on Sewer Rates

James Clark discussed the advertising process for the sewer rates and the rates being requested.

No public comments were made.

- 2) Prayer- Tim Schmidt
- 3) Meeting Call to Order
- 4) Roll Call
All in attendance
- 5) Pledge of Allegiance
- 6) Approval of Agenda

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

7) Approval of August 19th, 2025, City Council Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve the August 19th, 2025, minutes.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

8) Approval of August 18th, 2025, Special City Council Minutes

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the August 18th, 2025, Special City Council Minutes.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- ABSTAIN

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- ABSTAIN

Motion Passes

9) Approval of September 4th, 2025, Special City Council Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve the September 4th, 2025, Special City Council Minutes.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

10) Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

11) Department Reports

A. Museum

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, September 16, 2025, The THM Board of Directors met at Tontitown City Hall on September 8, 2025.

1. Walker Elementary: Bethany Cebuhar, GT Teacher for Walker Elementary, brought 30 students and parents to the museum on August 27th. Students went in small groups to tour the museum with Juli while Emily showed students the discovery box put together by Helen Tyson Middle School's E.A.S.T students. The GT group is excited to learn more about Tontitown history and to work with staff to build their own discovery box for the museum!

2. Digitization Project: The current count of items in our collections and archives in CatalogIt is 2190. Juli has been attending webinars on museum cataloging processes and has worked this last month to clean up how artifacts, documents and photos are labeled within our system. Her work will make the catalog easier to navigate and for our internal staff to know what is physically in the museum and what is a digital copy. Staff are excited to show a preview of the THM catalog at the upcoming Tontitown Polenta Smear & Taste of Tontitown.

3. Visitors: August: 198; including visitors during the Grape Festival, 30 students from Walker; 2024: 204; 161 from the Grape Festival visitors

4. New Exhibits 2026: Staff are actively working on two new exhibits within the museum. We are excited to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America with an interactive exhibit on the founding of Tontitown and how the first mayor and city council built the city infrastructure of the newly incorporated town in 1910. As well as celebrate the Veterans of Tontitown who have served America since the World War I. If you have photos, stories or artifacts you would like to loan or have scanned for the Veterans of Tontitown exhibit please reach out to staff to see how you can help enrich this exhibit; museum@tontitownar.gov

5. Tontitown Polenta Smear & Taste of Tontitown: THM is preparing for our upcoming event on November 9th from 11a.m.-1p.m. We will be celebrating our Veterans of Tontitown, with a sneak peek of artifacts visitors will see in the new exhibit. We invite everyone to come enjoy some Polenta and Umedo, a traditional dish in Northern Italy and Tontitown's heritage meal, along with a sampling of our local Tontitown restaurants famous dishes!

6. Fall Programming: A showing of Cries from the Cotton Field will be shown at the Springdale Public Library on September 21st. Registration for this event can be found on our social media. September 26th staff will be at Arkansas Arts Academy to promote the museum to educators taking part in the NAM Conference. Museum Manager Emily will be hosting a lecture for the OLLI group in and hosting a booth for Arkansas Symbols Day at Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, in October.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm THM Board will meet October 6, 2025, at City Hall at 6pm.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: July 2025

Calls for Service – 650

Accident Reports – 25

Warrants Served – 74

Warrants Outstanding – 1377

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,647,998.16

Training Hours (YTD) – 3,353

Citation Total - 131

Speeding Citations – 4

(Other) Traffic Citations - 67

Criminal Citations – 29

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 31

Warning Total - 272

Speeding Warnings – 109

(Other) Traffic Warnings – 163

C. Fire

Fire Department Report AUGUST 2025

Total Calls: 86

EMS 51

FIRE 3

MVA 6

FALSE ALARM 7

SERVICE CALL 5

ALARMS 9

CANCELED IN ROUTE 5

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

August 2025: 442 calls for service August 2024: 367 calls for service

Increase of 75 calls to date over 2024

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 2 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 2 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

September Report:

Community Development Department

- Planning

1) Variance Request – Applicant is requesting a setback variance at 1218 Tivoli St located on .29

acres. Parcel #: 830-39349-000.

2) Discussion of 412 overlay district

3) Discussion of Landfill (Josh w/ Attorney)

4) Discussion of R3-L (if need be)

- Street and Stormwater

1) 412 and Barrington

2) Fletcher Ave.

3) Mantegani street upgrade.

4) South Planalto Stormwater Improvements

5) Ardemagni Sidewalks TAP Grant

6) Klenc Traffic Signal

- Grants

- 1) Waiting to hear something on the FEMA grant.

- Other Projects

- 1) 2026 Budget
- 2) City Hall Roof replacement
- 3) Community Building
- 4) Special Events (Halloween in the Park)
- 5) Annexation

12) Comments from Citizens

Dennis Boyer 1969 Dowell, Tontitown, AR

- I just wanted to share something with you that is both a pet peeve of mine, but also suggest it with a recommendation. Every Sunday when we go to church, as my wife knows, we drive down Kleenc and I look at that, in my opinion, horrid fence along Kleenc. I don't remember what the subdivision is, anyway, it's on the left, anyway they have this fence along there and I think the subdivision is only one or two years old. The fence doesn't look good now. It's also starting to bend and basically it's a fence, wooden fence separating a subdivision from a main part of town which would be Kleenc. You know, it's blocking off a subdivision. I would just like to suggest in the future that when you improve subdivisions, think of them as maybe, okay, you're here, you're going to house people, but what are you going to add to the community? Over the years, I learned the hard way in hiring employees. Don't just look at what they can do for the job description, but what can you bring into the district that give us something we don't have, experience you've had that we haven't had. In other words, how can you enhance our school system in my case, but in this case, if a subdivision comes in, how can you enhance the look of our town? If those fences keep going up, you know, over the years, this one's already leaning. Who's going to take care of them? They're going to be ugly. It's going to create blight. And at least fences. I noticed when I was coming in on Barrington on the right there it was fenced off but there were those nice brick stanchions with fence between. I would suggest if you could do anything just at a minimum require something nice because when this thing goes down, I don't think the HOA is going to pay for it. I could see the individual homeowners putting up whatever and it's just going to create ugliness and there's a lot of subdivisions going in there and I think there should be a standard frontage. It would also increase the home values. People might have to pay a dollar or two more for their house per year, per month, whatever. But it would increase their house values because it' be a nice place to drive into even a nice entryway. And so, it might cost a few bucks more for the house, but it would be an enhancement to the city. So, when people drive around the city, wow, that's nice looking and that's an asset to the city, not just here, we're

building a subdivision. We're gone now. Anyway, that's a suggestion. My two cents. Thank you.

- I want to say that I really appreciate the city council. I worked with years prior administration and it was like talking to a brick wall. So, I do know that you guys listen, and I really appreciate it, and I know a lot of other people do too. So, thank you very much.

Tammy Graham 1984 S. Pianalto, Tontitown, AR

- I want to segue into the stench that's coming out of the lift station. I never really appreciated how bad it is until I started walking late in the evening. And it's like sticking your head in a jug of ammonia. And I encourage all of you to go down there when the sunsets and there's no wind. It is horrid. And this morning I could smell it up to my house. If you drive and I leave to work at 6:30 every morning between Miss Timmons and the Shamley, you can start smelling it in there. So, something is leaking there as well. I don't have the address, but it's between Timmons right behind me, Rebecca Timmons, and the Shamley's as you go around the corner to the south. Like he's heading toward Arbor Acres, but you got to smell it at night and early of a morning.
- After leaving here the meeting last I had an opportunity to download the city audit state audit findings and the more I read them the more appalled I was. Mr. Burrell I believe that you asked, "Was anyone making any effort to locate the money or the equipment?" I plead with you. Find the money. Find the equipment. These are my tax dollars. These are these people's tax dollars, and it is all of your responsibility to exercise some fiduciary judgment. You know, I can't run my house like that.
- Luann Jennison was fired by our mayor, and she was rehired by city council. There was an investigation by a contracted HR firm headed by Steve Percival, which cost over \$5,200. I believe city council have asked you to hear what the findings were and then go from there. But you do have that obligation. You have that responsibility to the citizens. And I believe to Ms. Jennison as well; it was I've experienced something like that myself and you don't get over it. Not if you're a good hard worker. You don't get over it, there's that state audit findings, code violations. I understand that there have been uh FOIA policy changes to how Freedom of information Act requests are handled here at the in-city hall, and I have grave concerns. I had a complaint filed against me. It was investigated on the same day. Mayors, yours haven't. We await an update. Thank you.

Tim Schmidt 873 Javello Rd., Tontitown, AR

- Thanks again for your concern and hard work for our wonderful city. I don't get involved in politics, but I do get involved in community. I attended the recent court

hearing regarding Eco Vista permitting and was disappointed in the court's ruling. It seemed the judge had already made up his mind before the hearing began, but I'm grateful for Mayor Russell's attention in this matter. I do want to offer a few suggestions. In the previous city council meeting, concerns were raised regarding Kleenc Road regarding traffic and weight limits. I live on Javello and have been run off the road numerous times by dump trucks delivering gravel for the 612-construction project. I reached out to the city. Mr. Burrell and others were very attentive and helped me get some resolution on those issues. Mantegani and Javello roads, however, are both damaged by the dump truck traffic. It sounds like maybe Mantegani is getting some repairs done. But in regard to the current situation on Kleenc Road, if the city proceeds in having the road tested for load limits, I think signs should be posted on what those limits are. Any trucks that exceed those limits should not be allowed to use Kleenc Road to access Eco Vista. If this means that there is no viable access to Eco Vista for large trucks, then so be it. That's an Eco Vista problem at that point. Any trucks found violating weight limits should be fined. Repeat violators should face increased fines. And if offenders continue to violate our weight limits, jail time should not be off the table. Tontitown may not be able to prevent politicians, judges, and corporations from passing their permits, but we can control our roads. I assure you, if any regular citizen or business was destroying our public property repeatedly, they would be held to account. In addition to this, I would like to know how many fines and penalties are being assessed to Eco Vista for their repeated illegal burning. According to the Tontitown Outdoor Burn Code as enacted in 2014, it is illegal to have an outdoor burn without a permit, illegal to burn trash, and illegal to have a fire in windy conditions. Not to mention, Eco Vista is violating nearly every other condition for outdoor burns. I suppose they would argue these are accidental but imagine any other citizen or business that continued to have accidental illegal burns on their property. I can assure you we would be held to account. It's time for Tontitown to hold Eco Vista to account. Eco Vista and ADQ are endangering the lives of Tontitown citizens. They do not care about us and they do not fight fair. It is time to fight fire with fire. We may not be able to control ADQ's permit decision, but we can control our roads and fires. There's more than one way to skin a cat. And lastly, in the meeting, in the hearing, it was mentioned that Eco Vista pays \$100,000 every 16 years for road maintenance. To me, that's an absolute joke for the wear and tear that they put on our roads. \$100,000 over 16 years is maybe going to fix a few potholes. Thank you.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

- Already started 10 seconds off my count. Ain't that something? We have problems in America. We have problems in this room. In 1954, in response to the communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words under God, creating the 31word pledge. We say today, today it reads, and it does not have a comma after nation. says, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We shouldn't separate God from the

pledge. It's not written that way, like I said, we have some issues, you know, when people go to shooting people because they don't agree with their thoughts, that's something. We have teachers, we have legal politicians, we have regular citizens that are cheering for this man being shot. Father of two, a young man, 31 years old, that's ridiculous. We have the same problems here in Tontitown just hadn't shot nobody yet. But I done a FOIA for you, I pulled up and requested the emails of council and mayor and I want to read parts of one. I need to hurry up because it's not going to pass through real well, I'm sure. But from Ms. Tammy Graham on August the 26th to Mayor Russell and the subject says, "Your poor leadership and the future." Mayor Russell, as the subject line states, turn it around so I can see it. Sorry. As the subject line states, you may wish to consider stepping down as mayor of Tontitown and sooner than later. At is as it is standing now, you could claim health issues and quietly return to your home. However, you decide to ride the storm out, let me enlighten you on what you will be facing in the near future. And she has five comments down here. One of them she's planning on writing Arkansas Gazette. The next is the city council should be asked to consider articles of censure. there's a distinct possibility of public petition for your removal. A no confidence vote and your war against Waste Management. And I did spend some time with James yesterday looking at the GIS map and the line is solid from Eco Vista except for a sample point right where Tammy says there's a problem right there at the between Ms. Timmons. Anyway, we have problems and people doing this stuff and appreciate your time, but also Mr. Tim Burress, he stated in his comment to Miss ?. Mr. Burress wrote in his last statement, let's see what it says. I don't envy your position, but I will be praying for you to have a good day. Seek the Lord and his direction in your life and your administration should you decide to continue your vote. Last one of the last meetings, Mike said, "We never attack each other." You turned around and spoke, attacking. What's the purpose? Go back and listen to it. Thank you, Mr. Love. Thank you. Moving on.

Darlene Humphries 690 Via Sangro Road, Tontitown, AR

- You were talking about the odors and everything and I didn't hear anything mentioned about the odor at Barrinton and 112 at the water station. We've lived here seven years and I had never smelled it until this summer and there's times we're driving by now that the odor is really bad and I called the city and was told that they're working on it. But I just want to make sure the mayor and city council know that something's wrong if it's right by the water station. Thank you

Rebecca Timmons 2024 S. Pinalto, Tontitown, AR

- Tammy is correct, from my place down around the corner to Shamley's. It hasn't been there and there must be a leak somewhere. And that line that runs from the dump along the fence line down at the bottom of the hill. They put that line there and then back around. And there's a leak because it's I've never had that kind of a smell. And it is mostly at night. So, I hope somebody will check it out. I did see them

a couple weeks ago. Looked like they were pulling up a manhole out there looking and doing something. I don't know whether they caused a problem when they did that or what. So, I just want to let you know it's bad. It just burns my nose and throat, everything. (Mayor-And it smells like ammonia. Correct.) Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you.

Luann Jenison (City of Tontitown Employee) 604 Terry Dr., Siloam Springs, AR

- I would just like to take a moment to say thank you to the businesses that stepped up to support this year's Family Fun Day. Because of your generosity, we were able to host an event that brought families, friends, and neighbors together to enjoy a wonderful day here in Tontitown. A special thank you goes to Central States, CK Civil Engineers, Guido's Pizza, P&K Equipment, Staggering P Quarter Horses, Taldo Tiles, Tontitown Winery, TTontitown Town Zart. Each of you played a part in making the day possible and your support means so much to our community. It's because of businesses like yours that we can continue to celebrate Tontitown. From all of us at the city, thank you again for your generosity and your commitment to our community. (Mayor speaking - got a question. I just wanted I want everybody to know that Luann, was it Tuesday that I came into your office and we discussed this? And can you let everybody know how much donations we had at that time? We had no, zero donations at that time. We had zero donations. So, we worked together as a group and Luann and Scott went out and got donations. Megan was helping with other areas. But I appreciate all the help that and work that you guys did on that event to make it possible. We already had the trophies and the other items and I personally thought I was going to end up having to pay for all of them myself because I don't want to use town money.) It was Scott Ardammani, Roger Duncan, and myself. We just banded together, and we got I believe it was \$1,650 donated.

Brad Spulock 342 Ceola Ave., Tontitown, AR

- Ladies and gentlemen, the council, I'd like to quote some scriptures. So, if you'll indulge me for just a moment of time. Matthew 22:33-35 says, "Either make the tree good and his fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt. For the tree is known by his fruit. Oh generation of vipers, how can ye be being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things. An evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." And then Ephesians, we all know this pretty well. talking about put on the whole armor of God. He tells us to put on the armor of God that we may stand against the wilds of the devil. He tells us to stand. Well, ladies and gentlemen of Tontitown, I am standing and I'm telling the truth. Last month, an individual took an image of myself and another gentleman laughing with his quote on Facebook stating, "Have y'all ever cheered because there was a landfill fire that affected the people and community?" End quote. I will state publicly as I have shared with most of the council members here and if you need

verification they can address this as well that when the individual began to speak, a clap of thunder rang out. I turned to one of the other employees and asked if that was thunder and we said something to each other and laughed. I never once spoke to the other individual in the frame that entire night but it was made that we were laughing with each other at the fire of the landfill. What a mischaracterization of the truth. I was never asked, but the individual decided it was necessary to post and clip without one shred of truth that was posted. I will state publicly again, I have never had any interaction with this person who posted the images, nor have treated any individual in such a way to garner this outlandish lie. After it was reposted, I was called one of the most corrupt people in Tontitown. First and foremost, I answered my Lord and Savior, and trust me, if and when I may do wrong, he lets me know. Secondly, I will not have my name smeared or character ruined on the basis of whom I have decided to eat with, nor will I ever apologize for that. I have eaten with others, and either I have or they have taken turns paying for one another's meals. It is called being a good friend and neighbor, not asking for favors. I will continue to stand for my beliefs and good conscience, and if it continues, I will use these platforms and other platforms to defend myself. My thought to the general public will be this. It's time we start being good fruit inspectors and this nonsense must stop because we do not align with the person's thinking. I want to thank the council and the words back that you've given to me my support and I will continue to back for the progress of this city. Thank you.

13) 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

14) Old Business: NONE

15) New Business:

A. Approval of resolution for flooring replacement – Mayor

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH M & M TILE COMPANY TO REPLACE THE FLOORING IN CITY HALL in the amount of \$21,754.77.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the resolution.
Second by Misty Piazza

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES
Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- NO (Reason- Tim is concerned about the employee's health to long exposure to the mold spores and informed the council of studies along with personal issues with mold.)

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

B. Approval of ordinance on Sewer Rates – James

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the resolution as presented.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Daniel Montez Voted- NO

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Tim Burress

Daniel Montez Voted- NO

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

C. Approval of resolution 2025 Street improvement Bid Award – Mark

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY APAC-CENTRAL, INC. FOR THE 2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

D. Approval of ordinance amending business license ordinance 110 – Mike

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 110.02(B): APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES AND SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE TONTITOWN MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

E. A discussion on Judges Rulings – Mike

Reference YouTube for the lengthy discussion regarding Judge John Threet's ruling to deny the City of Tontitown's appeal to stop Waste Management/ECO-VISTA for the class one and class 4 expansion.

16) Comments from Alderman

Question:

The City Clerk/Treasurer asked the City Attorney and council for clarification regarding the council's compensation for the 9/2/25 and 9/4/25 Committee of the Whole meetings and the 9/4/25 Special meeting and what the city code 30.02- Compensation states.

After discussion it has been decided that the council will be compensated according to the city code 30.02.

Mike Washkowiak

- Mr. Burress, I appreciate all the things that you said about mold. And you know, if I thought that spending an extra \$20,000 would cure all the problems that were in the City Hall, I'd be on board with you. But I think it's like putting a band-aid where you need a tourniquet. So, I appreciate all that and I'm sorry that you have to go through those issues. I really do.
- I want to thank everybody for coming out and giving us your input on some difficult issues. Mrs. Humphrey, I don't know if I recognize you. You may have been here before. I'm sorry but we can't communicate with you while you're at the podium. So, if we look like we're not responsive to what you're saying, it's not intentional. We just can't interact at that particular time and thanks for coming out.
- Bad news on the growth, you all may have seen Mr. Eichmann's email about the ADUs. The new law is going to go into effect on January 1st. It could have a big impact on the population. If for those of you who aren't familiar with the ADU, it's an alternative dwelling unit and it gives anybody that has basically residential I'm summarizing if I misstate this and if it is mis state this, Mr. Eichmann would you please correct me? So, if I'm a property owner, I can put a alternative dwelling unit on my property. It could be mobile, fixed, whatever. Up to 75% of my property's size or as long as it's not more than 1,000 square ft of the primary residence of the primary residence. Correct. So, anybody that's got a house here basically can put an ADU on their property. So, who knows what kind of effect that's going to have on this area that's growing. Places that aren't growing, yeah, no big deal. They're probably not going to feel the impact. This was a horrible piece of legislation when it was brought forward. I reached out to the committee, our state senator, our representative, and tried to voice my opinion on how bad this legislation is in my opinion. Obviously, it didn't have any traction. So anyway, it'll be interesting to see to say the least what happens with this new law. But it may have a very negative impact on our growth. So that's all for me. Thank you.

Tim Burress

- Aristotle said that courage is the first of human qualities because it's the quality which guarantees the others. We have cowards in this city. We have cowards in this room. It's easy to lose self-control, to make demands of the city when other citizens, especially when you aren't being called to order. I've had citizens say the most vile curse words imaginable to me in this room without being called to order. It happened just two weeks ago, right back there. Our city code for meetings should rule this, but we've had citizens say petty and childish things to other citizens without being called to order. It happened tonight. City code 30.606 66 states in part C. The mayor or presiding officer shall administer public comment periods and shall be responsible for enforcing time limits on speakers and shall direct and ensure that speakers during public comment period refrain from the use of obscene, abusive, personal attacks, inflammatory language, or other improper or disruptive conduct. I will submit to this council and you, Mrs. Mayor, that the rules aren't the same for everybody and they should be. Part D

continues, "Individuals who use obscene or abusive language or make obscene gestures under conditions likely to provoke a disorderly response from persons present at the meeting or to disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting may be cited or if deemed necessary by the chief of police or his or her design arrested for disorderly conduct or other appropriate criminal violations. Violators who persist in the use of obscene, abusive personal attacks, inflammatory language, or other improper or disruptive conduct may be prohibited from speaking during public comment period. However, and by the way, I'm a first amendment guy, so I don't want that to happen. However, no speaker is to be curtailed for remarks that are merely critical in nature. Charlie Kirk said, "Courage is the ultimate virtue. Without it, there are no other virtues. If people aren't courageous, you don't have honesty. You don't have justice. You don't have wonder. You don't have beauty. Without courage, we don't have unity. Unity is a wonderful thing. And though we may disagree from chair to chair up here and from chair to chair down there, I do truly believe that we can be respectful and civil. Unity is a wonderful thing, but it's not the most important thing. Truth is, honesty is, integrity and legality is, holiness, and walking legally is. Unity is a two-way street, but unity is not my primary aim. I love making friends and I feel like I've made many friends that are in this room and across this city. But even more than that, I am here not to make friends, but to act legally, to defend those who are being persecuted by anyone in power, to act ethically, to uprightly make laws, to care for the people of Tontitown, to look into citizens concerns, and to serve the people of this city. Unity and truth is a wonderful gift. And I hope we can achieve that here in these council chambers. Charlie Kirk said, "We can disagree without hating each other." I think his bold legacy of defending faith and truth is a life well-lived. May we all walk in that sort of faith and integrity and an upright path. Thank you

Larry Ardemagni

- Mainly thanks for coming out and voicing your opinion.
- Today I had a conversation with somebody here from the city and we have a lot of negative things going on admittedly, but this person said you know look at all the good things that have happened here in the city. You know we're building a brand-new water tower. We're going to build a new police station. We're going to get a new community building, splash pads, all in the works. Mr. Womack gave has given 12.2 million to improve our sewage and whatnot. So, there are good things going on in the city and just try to be a little positive sometimes when the positive don't look like it's out there.
- I appreciate you guys. Thank you

Amber Ibarra

- Just to echo Larry, it is really easy to highlight the negative, but there is a lot of good things happening in the city a lot. So anyway, with that said, I appreciate everybody that came out tonight, all of your comments, we really do appreciate you.

Misty Piazza

- Thank you everyone for coming out tonight. We had a lot of citizens come forward and talk and we greatly appreciate it. We appreciate you coming and we need to hear what your thoughts are so that we can be better at our jobs. So, thank you for coming forward and speaking your voice so that we know how we can help you.
- On Waste Management, we know it's a problem. We hired an Environmental Attorney, we went to court, we were fighting a big beast, a very mean, cruel beast. And so, we're trying every way that we know how. So, just know that we hear you and we know it's a problem and that we're trying to do what we can.

Daniel Montez

- Thanks everybody for coming out tonight and have a good night

17) Comments from Mayor

- I just wanted to say that our Bocce Tournament went very, very well, thanks to Luann, Scott Ardammani and Megan and all the other people that helped get the gifts and the items that we needed for the wonderful day, cuz it was a nice day to be out there.
- Halloween in the Park and we're going to start asking for donations and hopefully we'll have a really good positive outcome with the Halloween in the park as well.
- Thank you all for coming out and I appreciate you.

18) Comments from City Attorney-NONE

19) **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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