

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

Committee of The Whole
March 4th, 2025
Minutes

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Microsoft Teams.

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1. Meeting Call to Order
 2. Roll Call

Larry Ardemagni was the only councilman absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Add- ITEM 8L- Resolution of the City Council of the City of Elm Springs, Arkansas authorizing the destruction of certain court records of the Washington County District Court (Elm Springs Department)- Mayor

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the agenda and the addition of Item 8L.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of February 4th, 2025, COW Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Approval of February 5th, 2025, Special City Council Minutes

Misty Piazza Motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Comments from Citizens

Mick Wagner 409 Penzo Ave., Tontitown, AR

1. At the last meeting Mr. Wagner spoke about some of the purchases that the city made which caused concern regarding \$71,000.00 for computer equipment invoices but now he has learned that the amount is around \$83,000.00. Mr. Wagner asked the council if they so choose, to request that the mayor contact Mr. Mike Yancey with the Department of Finance and Administration and determine if this person is a registered remitter of sales tax. Mr. Wagner asked the council to consider a resolution request to see if the city received their share of the sales tax from the period of September 2024 through February 2025.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. We had a great turnout at the ADEQ Public Meeting that was held last Thursday night.
2. Continued vapor issues with landfill.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- A. A presentation of Carbon Chicken Project LLC – Angie/Richard Ims

Richard Ims and Jody Harden with Carbon Chicken Project gave a presentation on how their company diverts landfill food waste into Biochar, a natural base material that can help with effects such as smell, gases and the symptoms of those being affected by those chemicals that are being released by the landfill.

Carbon Chicken is in the early stages of discussion with Waste Management and hopes to move forward with a long-term solution along with incentives with local businesses such as restaurants who would participate.

To learn more about Carbon Chicken and how Biochar works you can visit their website at carbonchicken.com or foodrecyclingsolutions.com

Reference YouTube for detailed presentation and discussion.

- B. A discussion of adding prayer to the City of Tontitown's Committee of the Whole & City Council Meetings- Tim Burress- No attachments

Daniel Montez motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Secon by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. A discussion of the city council's oversight responsibilities in relation to the city's purchasing activities- Mike Washkowiak

This was a discussion only

This is being discussed because of the payments paid to Greg Lloyd and how the city needs to do a better job with city funds.

Reference the YouTube for detailed discussion.

D. A discussion of FOIA and FOIA software for the city-Mike Washkowiak

This was a discussion only

Mike Washkowiak presented a list of software programs that could be beneficial to the city.

Reference YouTube for detailed discussion.

E. A discussion of land purchase agreement for the Tontitown Police Department– Chief Jenison; refer to Map

Update only

Chief Jenison is in talks with the landowner on a different piece of property than the one discussed in 2024, the current property has more land for possible growth. Chief Jenison will bring more information to the council when available.

F. A discussion 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. – Ryan Krug

The Tontitown Fire Department desires to send four (4) employees to attend a paramedic training program through the The School of EMS; and as reflected in the quotes attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B", the cost of tuition for four (4) employees of the Tontitown Fire Department to attend the paramedic training program through The School of EMS is \$31,000.00, and the cost of books and uniforms is \$3,000.00.

Tim Burrese motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

G. A discussion of a vacation of water easement- James Clark

Tim Burrese motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting with spelling corrections.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

H. A discussion of a resolution authorizing the City of Tontitown to execute a land development guarantee with Taldo Rentals, LLC

Taldo Rentals, LLC has requested plat approval to construct a development known as Barrington Commercial, located at 290 S. Barrington Road in the City of Tontitown; and the Tontitown Planning Commission has recommended approval of the Barrington Commercial Plat with conditions and in conjunction with the Land Development Guarantee.

Tim Burress motioned to TABLE to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Daniel Montez Voted- YES
Mist Piazza Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- ABSTAINED
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Motion Passes

I. A discussion of a resolution to declare surplus and authorize the sale of certain equipment for the City of Tontitown- Angie/Mark Latham

The City of Tontitown has determined that the equipment listed herein has become obsolete and is no longer of use to the City, therefore it is the desire of the City Council to resolve the method of which to dispose of the equipment; and the Mayor of Tontitown has certified that the total value of each item of surplus property is less than \$20,000.00 and recommends that it be sold or disposed of in accordance with state law.

1. 1998 GMC Pothole Truck
2. Grasshopper Mower
3. 2010 Snow plow 8 foot
4. Caterpillar Road Grader
5. Polaris Side by Side
6. Bob Cat Skid Steer
7. C-10 Pickup
8. Jon Boat
9. Skid Steer (Public Works)
10. Light Poles

Tim Burress motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

J. A discussion 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-Angie/Mark Latham

The City of Tontitown understands Federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program or Recreational Trail Program funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match to develop or improve pedestrian crossing along Barrington Road and Fletcher Road in the City of Tontitown; and the City of

Tontitown understands that Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual monetary reimbursement; and this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

Misty Piazza motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- K. A discussion 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- Angie/Mark Latham**

The City of Tontitown understands Federal-aid Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Funds are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match to begin the design and environmental work 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; and the current application request is \$900,000.00 to be put toward engineering and environmental studies; and the City of Tontitown understands that Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual monetary reimbursement; and the City of Tontitown understands that there will be no reimbursement for any work accomplished prior to issuance by the Arkansas Department of Transportation of an official notice to Proceed; and this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public.

Resolution Corrections - (should read)
Right-of-Way and Utility Relocating

Mike Washkowiak motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting with the corrections.
Second by Misty Piazza

Misty Piazza Voted- YES
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES
Daniel Montez Voted- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES
Tim Burrese Voted- NO

Motion Passes

- L. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Elm Springs, Arkansas authorizing the destruction of certain court records of the Washington County District Court (Elm Springs Department)- Mayor**

Requesting paper copies be destroyed but will be kept electronically.

Misty Piazza motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.
Second by Daniel Montez

Daniel Montez VOTED- NO

Misty Piazza VOTED- YES
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Mike Washkowiak VOTED- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Motion Passes

9. Comments from Council Members

All the council members

1. Thanked all who attended and spoke at tonight's meeting.
2. Appreciates the presentations given at tonight's meeting.

Tim Burress

1. Long meeting but Lots of discussion.
2. Thanked Amber Ibarra for Conducting to tonight's meeting.

Mike Washkowiak

1. He hopes nobody takes personal offense at anything that he discussed, he's glad that we can have tough discussions and not involve slinging arrows at each other on a personal level.

Misty Piazza

1. Will do more research on the Biochar discussion.
2. The council is trying to do their best for the city.

Daniel Montez

1. Wanted to echo one of our citizens who had mentioned the meeting that we had this previous Thursday over at the church and he wanted to thank those who came out and spoke.
2. Looks forward to the Civic Plus Appointment.

10. Comments from Mayor

1. Thanked Amber Ibarra for Conducting to tonight's meeting.
2. After waiting two years our 501-C-3 is coming through and we're this the foundation is supposed to meet tomorrow and sign all the paperwork.
3. March 14th, we are having a ribbon cutting at Glide Express.
4. March 20th, we have Rolland school that's coming again for a field trip for the k4s, we're putting together again a little packet for them, so they'll have a coloring book that the city made up it has something to do with each one of our departments.
5. Thanked all who attended and spoke at tonight's meeting.

11. Comments from Attorney

12. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9 day of April 2024 X 5

APPROVED:

Angela Russell

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)