

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**  
**April 15, 2025**  
**Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 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- Deacon Hennessy from St. Joseph’s Catholic Church for the opening prayer.
2. Meeting Call to Order
3. Roll Call  
All in attendance
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda

Add Item Q- A Resolution to Authorize the purchase of a 2023 Nissan Frontier.

Larry motioned to approve the agenda and the additional Item Q.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of March 18, 2025, City Council Minutes

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Financial Report  
Reference the city website for detailed report.
8. Department Reports  
A. Museum

**Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**The THM Board of Directors met April 7, 2025, at Masco Conference Room Bentonville, AR.**

**1. Arkansas Museum Association Conference March 31-April 3: Emily and Juli attended the AMA conference. A workshop on fake food display making was presented by Emily and was well received by all that attended. Staff had the opportunity to learn from other museum professionals in Arkansas and network to grow THM's reach within the state through partner exhibitions and programming with other Arkansas museums.**

**2. AMA Volunteer of the Year Award: Bev Cortiana-McEuen was awarded the Volunteer of the Year at the AMA Banquet, due to the chaotic weather Bev could not make it to the ceremony, but we presented the award to her at Peel Compton Museum and Botanical Gardens. This award could not have gone to a more deserving person, Bev has been part of THM board for 22 years, acting as Treasurer and President during her tenure on the board. She has been a lifeline for the museum staff, and we are thrilled she was recognized by the association for the donation of her time and talents. See photos attached.**

**3. Digitization Project: Juli is continuing her work with digitization, currently CatalogIt has 1455 entries input. We are working with CatalogIt to move forward with online publication of our catalog, this will take a little time to ensure the entries are prepared for online use and that any sensitive information is kept for internal use only.**

**4. Original City Documents: As we work through the collection in boxes, we have had the opportunity to view and begin digitizing the original city documents from 1910. These include the first city ordinances written by Father Pietro Bandini as well as the Marshals logbook on the first arrests in Tontitown. Keep an eye on our Facebook and social media pages as we will be sharing some of these pages in the coming weeks. We hope to be able to properly digitize these fragile pages for use in exhibits and in the future police station.**

**5. Visitors: 87 visitors for March; Rollins Elementary came to the museum (62) and we had the EAST students of Shaw Elementary in to learn about Tontitown history for an upcoming project. In 2024 we had 26.**

**6. Committees: As discussed last month, committees were discussed and approved this past meeting. Please see the attached list for who is on which committee.**

**7. Co-Treasurer: As the museum works towards expansion of the museum space as well as expanding our gift shop, the board determined having a second set of eyes on**

the financials is necessary to ensure transparency and accuracy. Chelsea Stewart was elected unanimously to the Co-Treasurer position, Chelsea is the Museum Manager of Peel Compton Museum and Botanical Gardens, she is in charge of the museums financial reports and is a great fit for this position.

**Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm** The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 5th at City Hall.

**B. Police**

**Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: March 2025**

**Calls for Service – 890**  
**Accident Reports – 23**  
**Warrants Served – 82**  
**Warrants Outstanding - 1286**  
**Warrants Amount - \$ 1,616,208.66**

**Training Hours (YTD) – 907**  
**Citation Total - 165**  
**Speeding Citations - 6**  
**(Other) Traffic Citations - 73**  
**Criminal Citations – 34**  
**Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 52**  
**Warning Total - 476**  
**Speeding Warnings – 164**  
**(Other) Traffic Warnings – 312**

**C. Fire**

**Fire Department Report MARCH 2025**

**Total Calls: 47**  
**EMS 18 FIRE 12**  
**MVA 4**  
**FALSE ALARM 1**  
**SERVICE CALL 3**  
**ALARMS 6**  
**CANCELED IN ROUTE 3**

**Calls within city limits of Tontitown**

**March 2025: 145 calls for service**                      **March 2024: 115 calls for service**

**Increase of 30 calls to date over 2024**

**Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 11 seconds.**

**Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 59 seconds.**

**D. Public Works/Engineering**

Larry Gregory with Gaver Engineering gave a financial update on Highway 612 water/sewer relocation.

Reference the city website for detailed report and financial update.

**E. Building Report**

Reference the city website for detailed report.

**F. Community Development**

April Council Report:

Community Development Department

• Planning

- 1) Conditional Use – Bratti property 2021 S. Pinalto
- 2) Conditional Use – Premier Towing 3617 Old Hwy 68
- 3) Rezone Phillip Meyer Holdings – 1076 N Barrington
- 4) Variance 364 Penzo Ave for Pool
- 5) Discussion of zoning amendments 153.210 & 153.181. Needs public hearing.
- 6) Update on Waste Management LSD.

• Street and Stormwater

- 1) 412 and Barrington
- 2) Fletcher Ave.
- 3) Overlay Bandini and Zuplo
- 4) Community Building.
- 5) Mantegani street upgrade.

• Grants

- 1) TAP grant for protected school crossings and STGPT grant for ROW and Utility relocation on 412 and Barrington on March 26th

**9. Comments from Citizens**

Kenneth Lovett 1702 Clearwater RD, Fayetteville, AR

1. Told the council of his experience dealing with 911, Washington County Emergency Management, County Judge Patrick Deacon and others, when he was exposed to vapors caused by the landfill three different times while driving on Arbor Acres Rd. on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

**Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**11. Old Business:**

**A. None**

**12. New Business:**

**A. Approval of an ordinance to amend section 153.168 Outdoor Food Vendors-Mayor**

**Bill Hudson said clarification is needed and suggested the verbiage read "A business may purchase more than one permit but no more than two".**

**Amber Ibarra motioned to amend the verbiage to read "A business may purchase more than one permit but no more than two".  
Second by Misty Piazza**

**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 accept the Emergency Clause.  
Second by Misty Piazza**

**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**

- B. Approval of an ordinance to amend chapter 155.01 Fees regarding Outdoor Food Vendor Annual Fee-Mayor**

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza  
Motion Passes Unanimously

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of a resolution for an Architect Contract for the Community Building-Mark**

Daniel Montez motioned to approve 8.25% and not to exceed \$25 000.00 spending limit.  
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of a resolution to enter a contract for Mathias Water Line Relocation-James/Mark**

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. Receipt and acknowledgment of 2024 Water Sewer Audit Completed by Berry and Associates-Angie**

Tim Buresse motioned to acknowledge and approve the completed 2024 Water Sewer Audit.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- F. Approval of a resolution on a reduction of impact fees for Ruths Landing-Brad**

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. Approval of an ordinance on a rezone at 1668 Kissinger Ave-Brad**

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve with the correction from 1.94 acres to 5.94 acres.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- H. Approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Tontitown to execute a land development agreement with Taldo Rentals, LLC-Brad

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Misty Piazza Voted- YES  
Mike Waskowiak Voted- YES  
Daniel Montez Voted- YES  
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES  
Tim Burress Voted- NO  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

5 Votes YES to 1 Vote NO

Motion Passes

- I. Approval of an ordinance to amend development code 152.151 Design Standards for LSD-Brad

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to accept the Emergency Clause.  
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- J. Approval of an ordinance to amend development code 152.160 Improvements-Brad

Mike Waskowiak motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- K. Approval of an ordinance to amend development code 152.240 Sign Numbers-Brad

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- L. Approval of an ordinance to amend development code 152.178 Tree Planting and Maintenance Removal-Brad

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- M. An approval of an ordinance to amend development code 90.500.6 Curb and Gutter-Brad

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

**N. Approval of a final plat resolution-Brad**

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**O. Approval of amending the agenda and minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, and the City Council Meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025-Mayor**

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Daniel Montez

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**P. An approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds and Declaring an Emergency**

No action required.

Misty Piazza motioned to TABLE and will bring back later.  
Second by Tim Burress

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Q. Approval of a resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Nissan Frontier from Superior Nissan. Mark Latham**

The purchase of a vehicle is budgeted for \$35,000.00.

The council discussed authorizing a spending limit vs having to get council approval for a specific vehicle.

Tim Burress motioned to approve a spending limit up to \$35,000.00.  
Second by Misty Piazza

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**13. Comments from Alderman**

All the council Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked Toby Krug for attending and Deacon Hennessy from St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the opening prayer.
2. Tim understands that there were some complaints to the city over the last week, and fellow council members, himself included, regarding a Facebook post and he wanted to take a moment to apologize for any confusion about that post. The Community of Tontitown Facebook page is NOT the city's official Facebook page, it's run by a private citizen, and it contains their own personal views and beliefs.

The city's official Facebook page is called The City of Tontitown, and the city doesn't have an association with that other page, he doesn't even know what they post, because he never visited the page and he is blocked from the page, it's confusing and I apologize for any confusion. Our genuine Facebook page is an administrative page, it's run by the mayor and her staff. Citizens who have any questions please contact the mayor's office. Again, he's so sorry to citizens who were offended by the contents of that private post.

To receive actual updates about our city you can go to the city's website at [www.tontitown.com](http://www.tontitown.com) or you can subscribe to and receive citywide text messages by texting the word Tontitown to 91896.

Larry Ardemagni

1. If somebody that has official capacity in the city tells somebody something, I'm going to stand behind that person even if it's wrong and that's one of the things that occurred tonight, and you know it's just part of life we can't be right all the time.

Amber Ibarra

1. Thanked Mr. Hudson for helping in clearing up some verbiage.

Misty Piazza

1. The Museum Board took a field trip to the Peel Museum & Botanical Garden in Bentonville, AR. Lots of history about NW Arkansas.
2. Have A safe trip home.

Daniel Montez

1. Back at the food permit stuff, he went and found the DataScout Map and found the two entities so if our inspector code enforcement inspectors listening we've got XL Carbon LLC and LNL Metal Fab, those are the two entities, one of them without a building on it that is currently in possession of two food truck permits and an ice machine that's not a vending machine. So, if we can investigate and see what is going on with that, if we're not allowed to have one on the other side of town, I just don't feel it's fair for another business to have.

#### 14. Comments from Mayor

1. Read a few emails praising the Street Department for their hard work and keeping the roads safe.
2. Thanked Scott Ardemagni.

3. Thanked LuAnn Jenison and Madelyn Parker for stepping up.
4. Thanked the City Council.

15. Comments from City Attorney- NONE

16. **Adjournment**- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of may 2025.

APPROVED: Angela Russell  
Angela Russell, Mayor

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