

Mayor – Angela Russell
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni
City Attorney –Justin 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
August 19th, 2025
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.

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City Council

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

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Amber Ibarra

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

4 Votes- NO to 2 Votes- YES
Motion Fails

Mike Waskowiak- Reason being- The council wasn't notified that this item was being added to tonight's agenda, and some council had questions and should be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

City Attorney Justin Eichmann- The requirement is that this is basically acknowledgement that everybody's received it. He understands you guys have gotten it in the mail, Justin was going to have the mayor say, if somebody didn't get a copy to let us know and make sure the city gets you a copy and then you can have a discussion at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Tim Burress requested that the verbiage be changed to "Acknowledgement of receipt of the audit report".

Tim Burress motioned to amend item 13A to say, "Acknowledgement of receipt of 2023/2024 audit report".

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the tonight's agenda.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

6) Approval of July 15th, 2025, City Council Minutes.

Tim Burress motioned to approve the July 15, 2025, minutes.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

7) Approval of August 4th, 2025, Special City Council Minutes.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the August 4, 2025, Special City Council minutes.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

8) Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

9) Department Reports

A. Museum

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

The THM Board of Directors did not meet in August due to the Grape Festival.

1. Tontitown Grape Festival: THM was open for extended hours during the Grape Festival, we had 131 visitors just within the festival hours. With many Tontitown descendants from out of town for the festival, it was a great time!

2. Digitization Project: The current count for CatalogIt is 2,156, as we refine the entries already in the system to prepare for online publication of the catalog at the end of 2025. We hope this catalog will allow researchers, students and out-of-town patrons to see what is in our collection to prepare for their visit.

3. Identification of Photos: As staff work through photos, we are asking the public to help identify ones that have question marks, please keep an eye out on our social media platforms for these photos. If you see someone you know please leave us a comment so we can update these entries in our cataloging system!

4. Visitors: July 30; 2024: 33 visitors

5. 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 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

6. Fall Programming: A showing of Cries from the Cotton Field will be shown at the Springdale Public Library on September 21st. 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.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report

Month: July 2025

Calls for Service – 1201

Accident Reports – 12

Warrants Served – 93

Warrants Outstanding – 1324

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,629,583.16

Training Hours (YTD) – 3,150

Citation Total - 254

Speeding Citations - 29

(Other) Traffic Citations - 112

Criminal Citations – 27

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) – 86

Warning Total - 901

**Speeding Warnings – 509
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 392
*Speed Step Grant***

C. Fire

**Fire Department Report
JULY 2025 Total Calls: 60
EMS 30
FIRE 4
MVA 6
FALSE ALARM 7
SERVICE CALL 4
ALARMS 5
CANCELED IN ROUTE 4**

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

July 2025: 356 calls for service July 2024: 286 calls for service

Increase of 70 calls to date over 2024

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 16 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 19 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

August Report:

Community Development Department

• Planning

Planning Commission will not meet this month. No action items will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

• Street and Stormwater 1) 412 and Barrington 2) Fletcher Ave. 3) Mantegani street upgrade. 4) South Planalto Stormwater Improvements 5) Street Improvements for 2025

• Grants

1) The Community Building grant was submitted with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission last month.

2) Outdoor Recreation Grant 2025. Will be submitted this month.

- **Other Projects**

- 1) Public Engagement Meeting.**
- 2) 2026 Budget (Department Goals due September 12)**
- 3) Klenc Rd.**
- 4) Financial Policy**
- 5) Special Events**

10) Comments from Citizens-

Mick Wagner 409 Penzo Ave., Tontitown, AR

1. An invoice was presented to the city in April 12 of 2023. I only bring this up because although you're not speaking about the audit, the audit does tend to get the low hanging fruit. and doesn't see everything. In regards to that business which is located on the mayor's property, uh there was no business license and it wasn't applied for until 8 months later it was issued by a administrative assistant who told me that was her first day on the job doing that particular topic, but uh in that application it said the business started in 2/2023, not 4/23. TCA code 110.99 says there's a penalty for operating without a business license within city limits of between \$500 and \$1,000 as well as a cease-and-desist order shall be issued to someone operating without a business license. Again, a second business license was issued on 7/2 /2024. That particular license was issued by the city bookkeeper, Mr. Pat Pinalto. In the requirements that are outlined in the code cited above, there's several criteria that has to be met before a business license is issued. Several existed at that time and including the first one. On 5/29, a letter from the city noted numerous code violations, including an invalid uh business license. Again on 7/24, Attorney Eichman, and five other staff noted deficiencies and met with lawyers of the mayor's family. And of that, he can't find any minutes or recordings or anything. So, he's not sure what all happened in that meeting. Maybe Mr. Eichmann can shed light on it. on 8/11 yet a third license was issued uh with outstanding code violations which again conflicts with city codes. Um, I referenced the organization chart uh which was passed last month by you people and uh there is a permit department uh but I'm not sure why one month we get it from the city uh administrative assistant and next from the bookkeeper but anyway food for thought but there was a meeting held on 7/10 regarding your audit. I'd encourage you all to look at the video. You'll note that it was referred to the prosecuting attorney.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. On Thursday, August the 14th, 2025, we had a fire at Tontitown. Eco Vista Waste Management started somewhere after 3:30, burned into the night. Mr., what's his name? Jamie Vernon wrote a email to Director Reed at Boston Mountain. He said, "Regarding the fire at Eco Vista landfill yesterday, it started at approximately 3:35 p.m. in the class construction and demolition landfill. It was fully contained at approximately 5:30 p.m. and fully extinguished at 8:30 p.m. I have a picture at 9:03 p.m. Huge fire. Waste management has systems in place to extinguish fires, but the

best system in prevent is prevention. All customers should review the list of acceptable materials before disposing of any solid waste at landfills. Eco Vista is a billion-dollar company. They blame their problems on customers. They are supposed to check randomly each vehicle that comes in there. If they don't check it randomly, they should see what goes in the Landfill before they crush it and cover it. They're not doing their jobs. You as a city have opportunities that should be looked into. It gets frustrating when you continue to see things happening and the ADEQ don't touch it. The EPA don't touch it. And a lot of times I stand here looking at but faces. Thank y'all.

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

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Old Business:

A. Approval of sealed Bids for 581 S. Barrington house.

No bids were submitted.

13. New Business:

A. [Acknowledgement of the receipt of the 2023/2024 Audit Report.](#)

[Council is to review and then it will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.](#)

Mike Waskowiak motioned to
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. Approval of ordinance to change the city's email retention policy – Mike

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE RETENTION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL) RECORDS; TO PRESCRIBE A MINIMUM RETENTION PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) YEARS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of ordinance to rezone 1529 Ardemagni Rd Parcel No. 830-37979-002 – Brad

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 5.02 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1529 ARDEMAGNI ROAD (PARCEL NO. 830-37979-002) FROM AGRICULTURE (A) TO RESIDENTIAL ESTATES (R-E) IN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Brad Spurlock took this time to introduce Jodi Tarver as Tontitown's new Code Enforcer.

Tim Burress motioned to approve the ordinance.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of resolution on a subdivision plat – Brad

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATIONS CONTAINED IN FINAL SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. An approval to add Rachel Strickland as a Museum Board Member – Misty

Tim Bures motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Daniel Montez Voted- YES
Misty Piazza Voted- ABSTAINED
Tim Bures Voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES
Mike Waskowiak Voted- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- ABSTAINED

Motion Passes

- F. Approval of resolution to revise bank signatures – Rhonda

A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SIGNATORIES ON CITY BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

The city officials listed below as signatories on City bank accounts at Centennial Bank and Grand Savings Bank.

Name of Officer

- Mayor-Angela Russell
- Clerk/Treasurer- Rhonda Ardemagni
- Council Member- Larry Ardemagni
- Council Member- Amber Ibarra

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the resolution.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. Approval of resolution to update Amalfi contract to build Fletcher Rd – Zak

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND GUARANTEE WITH GSPNWA, INC (NOW AMALFI PARTNERS, LLC) IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FLETCHER ROAD; AND REPEALING A PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREOF.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the resolution.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

14. Comments from Alderman

Daniel Montez, Misty Piazza, Amber Ibarra and Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Welcome Jodi Tarver and Rachel Strickland.

Larry Ardemagni added-

1. He appreciates everybody's thoughts whether he agrees with them or disagrees with them.

Comments from Mayor-

1. Apologies for audit being added to the agenda at the last minute.
2. On August the 11th here in Chambers, we there was held Black Hills Energy held 811 meeting, they went over lots of things with all of the water department about the digging. Call 811 before you dig. Call 811 before you dig. It went well. They brought us pizza, and we had water. Everybody was able to get in and listen that wanted to and that was here was able to come in and listen to it and it was a very good meeting.
3. Exciting news, Mr. Clark, Mayor, and Mr. Latham went and met with Mr. Womack, and we requested monies for the gravity line for the construction of a gravity sanitary sewer system that will be that will replace the city's primary sewer lift station. And we asked this, we had to send in lots of forms. but we were awarded the money. The city of Tontitown was awarded the money. We were one of, she believes, 13, 14, 14 people that was awarded money. We, the city of Tontitown, will receive \$12.2 million for the water system improvements. And Mr. Womack called me early one morning and if everything goes through, we should be getting it hopefully early next year. She is very grateful for this money that was allocated to us. She wants to thank Mr. Latham for all his hard work. She wants to thank Mr. Clark for all his work in helping get this thing put together. And the city of Tontitown is going to be awarded this money for this sewer line. We were actually walking out the door and Mr. Womack's, one of his affiliates, said, "Wait, wait, wait. We've got to have a picture." So, we were able to take this picture, and I got a copy of it and that was us right after the meeting. So, thank you.
4. Welcome Ms. Rachel and Ms. Tarver.
5. Thank you, guys, for everything that you, the citizens, do to help us. And I think it's very important that we, you know, do that we do listen to you and that we give as much feedback as we can to you. And she just wants to thank you all.

Comments from City Attorney- NONE
Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of Sept 2025.

APPROVED: Angela Russell
Angela Russell, Mayor

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

