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Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni
City Attorney – Tyler R Farrar
Law Firm—Tyler R Farrar Law
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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 5th, 2026
Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Microsoft Teams.

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1. **Prayer-** Pastor Des Venter with Fellowship Bible Church in Springdale Ar.
 2. **Meeting Call to Order**
 3. **Roll Call**
Amber Ibarra was absent.
 4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 5. **Approval of Agenda**

Mike Washkowiak-

The correct ordinance was submitted for the Special Meeting and should also be used for Item 8A under Old Business.

Daniel Montez

Add- 9N.

The Mayor is requested to update the Council on the status of their request for the 2023 and 2024 Sales Tax Reports. The resolution was passed on February 17, 2026, and the reports were to be requested within ten days of its passage.

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the agenda with changes.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. **Approval of February 3rd, 2026, COW Minutes.**

Tim Burress motioned to approve the February 3rd, 2026, COW Minutes.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Comments from Citizens

Susan Kohout 140 Ranalli Ave., Tontitown, AR

I'm here for basically two reasons, I'm a citizen of Tontitown and I'm interested in what's going on in my community. I'm also a member of the League of Washington County and in recent months they have been reorganizing and re-energizing their observer corps. This mission is to promote good government and democracy, and you can't really do that if you don't know how the government's work. So, idea of an observer corps, some member volunteer's kind of adopts and attends their meetings and just sits and listens and learns how the processes work, how you guys do your business, and what the issues are. So, I will be here next month watching and listening and learning and asking you some questions. I'll watch your videotapes or website. Thank you

Anna Watkins with Forgotten Paws

I've come in at least once before, we are a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit animal shelter that is in Tontitown right over here at the 612 interstate. We are asking for support from the city in any way, shape, or form. We are guaranteeing support to y'all when you have a dog come in, have an arrest, have a situation where a dog needs or cat needs to be brought in, we are willing to help. We would love a contract with you guys at some point. We would love the support of the city.

Kenneth Lovette, Arkansas

We have a class action lawsuit taking place on Wednesday, March 11th at 2 p.m., the Washington County Court House, they're listening to issues with EcoVista Land.

Heather Armstrong

Reports of stray dogs that are killing livestock, they are hurting and harming children, being dumped. We have no animal ordinances, about 40 dumped at our place. I'd like to help y'all. We've got other cities that are wanting to utilize us. What am I supposed to do? We've called everybody no animal officers come out to our facility. Tontitown has the same amount of square footage at Fayetteville. I don't understand. I would really like to get some help from our wonderful city, things that are going to protect our kids, protect our community, protect our old.

We just got done trying to partner with anybody, I don't know if you guys have ever seen a three-year-old child's face get ripped off, I can show you. I don't know if anybody understands, we're not here to save everybody. We'd like to keep our city safe and we're getting hundreds of phones calls. Appreciate you.

8. Old Business:

A. A discussion of an ordinance to expand the Tontitown Planning Commission to 7 members. Supported by: Mike

Discussion of an ordinance amending section 31.01 of the Tontitown city code to expand the membership of the planning commission from five (5) to seven (7) members; to require that members

be citizens of the city of Tontitown, Arkansas.

Mike Waskowiak motioned to move to the following Special Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

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

3 Votes- YES to 2 Votes- NO

Motion Passes

9. New Business:

A. A discussion of a resolution to set and affirm appointments with the Tontitown Planning Commission. Presented by: Brad

The following individuals submitted applications for the open seats on the Planning Commission and addressed the Council, responding to any questions the Council had.

Josh Craine
James Dean
Chris Trout
Scott Evans
Don Struebing

At this time the council went into executive session.

Mike Washkowiak motioned to appoint Josh Craine, Chris Trout, Scott Evans.
Second by Misty Piazza
Motion Passes Unanimously

B. A discussion of an Ordinance to rezone 2.89 acres from A (Agriculture) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) located at 2150 S Barrington Rd. Parcel #: 830-39924-000. Presented by: Brad

The applicant is requesting a rezone located at 2150 S Barrington Rd. The rezone request is from to A (Agriculture) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential) located on approximately 2.78 acres to build a split the property. This is consistent with development standards and help meet the current zoning requirements.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

C. A discussion of a resolution for STP Funding. Presented by: Mark

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 conduct a feasibility study to extend Don Tyson Parkway from 112 to Kelly Road.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

D. A discussion of a resolution to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of a mini excavator for the Street Department. Presented by: Mark

The acquisition of a mini excavator will improve operational efficiency, reduce equipment rentals expenses, and enhance the City's ability to respond to maintenance needs in a timely manner; and funds for this purchase have been budgeted in 2026 budget under fixed assets.

Tim Burress motioned to move forward with acquiring bids.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

E. A discussion of a resolution accepting the low bid for reroofing 13 city buildings. Presented by: James

Arkansas Roofing Kompany bid was for \$192,494.83

Mike Washkowiak motioned to move to the Special Meeting.
Second by Misty Piazza

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES
Daniel Montez Voted- NO
Misty Piazza Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- NO
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

3 Votes- YES to 2 Votes- NO

Motion Passes

F. A discussion of a resolution authorizing the City to enter a contract with Schulte Supply for Cellular Meter Equipment. Presented by: James

The City of Tontitown Water Department utilizes meter infrastructure necessary for accurate water usage monitoring and billing; and the city desires to purchase cellular meter equipment to improve meter reading efficiency, accuracy, and system reliability.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

G. A discussion of a resolution to purchase a truck. Presented by: James

Discussion of a resolution to waive competitive bidding and authorizing the purchase of a used ¾ ton or 1-ton pickup truck for the Water and Sewer Department.

Council approved a budget of no more than \$60,000.00.

Tim Burress motioned to move to the **next City Council Meeting**.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

H. A discussion of a resolution authorizing the solicitation of statements of qualifications for professional engineering services. Presented by: James

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

Motion Passe Unanimously

I. A discussion of a resolution authorizing the use of Water Department Reserve Funds for completion of the water tank project. Presented by: James

Council discussed an amount of \$850,000.00.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

J. A discussion regarding Mantegani Road. Presented by: Mark

The Council discussed funding street improvements on the east half of Mantegani Road to match the improvements on the west half, at an estimated cost of approximately \$38,000.

Tim Burress motioned to move to the **next City Council Meeting**.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

K. A discussion of proposed amendments to Ordinance 2017-05-633 regarding Ordinance and Resolution books. Sponsored by: Danny

A discussion regarding an amendment to update the business names listed in Ordinance 2017-05-633 for the five public locations designated for the posting of ordinances. The amendment will revise only the business names associated with these locations. All physical addresses will remain unchanged.

Tim Burress motioned to move to the **next City Council Meeting**.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

L. A discussion of a budget amendment for fire radios purchased in 2025. Presented by: Ryan

Chief Krug is requesting an amendment to the 2026 budget because the radios were purchased in 2025, but the company did not invoice the city until 2026.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

M. A discussion of Paramedic School Tuition for five (5) individuals. Presented by: Ryan

The EMS Training School, LLC DBA School of EMS estimate is \$38,750.00

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

N. The mayor is requested to update the Council on the status of their request for the 2023 and 2024 Sales Tax Reports.

Discussion only

The resolution was passed on February 17, 2026, and the reports were to be requested within ten days of its passage.

10. Comments from Council Members

Mike Waskowiak

- Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked James Dean and Donnie Davis for their service to the Planning Commission.
- Just a note the special meeting will only be a vote to approve the ordinance to expand to seven there we cannot amend it add the additional two tonight. So, there will be another process by which we asked for letters of intent. I can assume that maybe the two that were here could keep their active without have to resubmit, but we will be probably asking for more.

Tim Burress

- Thanked everyone who spoke at tonight's meeting.

- Mrs. Armstrong made a comment about we have the same I think she said square footage or square Idol what you meant same area size as Fayetteville and I appreciate that, but just because we're the same size doesn't mean we have the same amount of people and money and all that sort of thing. So, I very much understand your concern, and it is a concern. But you know we need some resources there.
- Thanked Mrs. Kohout, the attorney, I appreciate her being here. And then Mr. Struebing and Mr. Dean, thank you so much for being here tonight in particular. Mr. Dean, thank you so much for your service for the last four years on the Planning Commission. For Mr. Evans, Mr. Trout, Mr. Craine, congratulations look forward to working with you on the Planning Commission.
- Happy Birthday to Mike Washkowiak.

Larry Ardemagni

- Thanks for all the interest in the Planning Commission and thanks for tolerating us through all of this ordeal tonight. It was long and drawn out. I appreciate everybody coming out and going up.

Misty Piazza

- Thank you everyone for coming out tonight.
- Thank you to everyone interested in Planning Commission. It's good to see people stepping forward and want to take those positions as well as keep in mind there's new positions going to be on the ballot for council and mayor. So, I'd love to see citizens that want to come part of it, help us continue to grow. So, be watching for further information on that.

Daniel Montez

- Thank you to all the applicants that came before for the Planning Commission.
- Congratulations to the ones that have moved forward here, and for the ones that didn't, we've got a Special Meeting coming up here and potentially two other spots coming available. So, whether we're able to just move those applications forward or need to reapply, I welcome that to occur.
- I also wanted to mention, looking at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, I see a lot of items under new business and it says "presented by", and the only one next to it happens to be the one that I brought up. I thought when Mr. Burress brought that forward on his resolution for sponsorship that we would have a little bit more clarity on who's sponsoring what. I don't think we need a co-sponsor, but I see next to everything, that once we get everything signed and approved we should have all that filled out and the agenda I think ought to have that as well so we see who's bringing what forward whether it's the mayor or one of the council members. So, I'd just like staff to look into that and see if we can't tighten that up a little bit.
- Mr. Washkowiak, thank you for coming here on your birthday. It happens also to be my wife's birthday, so I'll give her a shout out, too. We've been playing a little bit of move the birthday around. You know, so we feel the same burden you have today. So, happy birthday. Everybody have a safe night.

11. Comments from Mayor

I appreciate everybody coming up tonight and listening in. I just want to bring this to your attention. Megan, my assistant, spoke with Washington County Clerk's Office and she said that filing for municipal

offices will be toward the end of July or August. There will be several vacant seats up here and I just wanted to reach out to everyone and let them know that if they want to be up here and they want to work for the city and do their due diligence for the citizens of Tontitown apply name in the hat and run. Like I said, the general election will be held on November the 3 and they'll be taking the applications for the following at the end of July or early August. Oh, thank you all.

12. Comments from Attorney

I just wanted to clarify even though this is a working committee, there is nothing in Arkansas law or your city ordinances that would prevent you from passing a resolution and acting on it tonight, so long as there's quorum and you've duly passed the ordinance. So, you can do that. Saying that we could add two tonight if not, the question arose earlier with the RFQ, right? Could it go? So, that was the question Mr. Burress put to me. Could legislative action be taken at a working committee? Yes, it can.

13. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2025.

APPROVED: _____

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer

(SEAL)

Sponsor (Initiated By): _____

Motion to Introduce Made By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Adopted / Passed: _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____