

Mayor – Angela Russell  
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni  
City Attorney –  
Law Firm--  
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**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Minutes**

The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Microsoft Teams.

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1. **Prayer-** Pastor Bart Hodgson
  2. **Meeting Call to Order**
  3. **Roll Call-**  
Misty Piazza was absent
  4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  5. **Approval of Agenda**

Tim Burress motioned to approve the agenda  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. **Approval of March 5th, 2026, COW Minutes**

Tim Burress motioned to approve the March 5th, 2026, COW Minutes.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. **Comments from Citizens**

Kenneth Lovett- No address available.

- Mr. Lovett explains that he's temporarily staying in Springdale until his rental in Tontitown is ready, but he's still very worried about the air quality in Tontitown. He feels that something in the air was making him sick—headaches, coughing, trouble breathing—and says those symptoms went away after he moved. He admits he can't prove the cause but believes it's a real issue.

Mr. Lovett argues that city leadership delegates tasks, but sometimes to the wrong people, and that some individuals don't follow through or act in the city's best interest. He mentions past efforts by an air-quality committee that stopped after he was removed, and he believes the sewer issues are connected to the landfill. He asks who is going to take responsibility and fix these problems, saying that the city needs better follow-up and accountability.

#### **Mark Calcagni 12642 Arbor Acres Rd., Tontitown, AR (The mayor read a email he submitted)**

- Mr. Calcagni supports the proposed user fee for vehicles dumping at the landfill, noting that landfill truck traffic damages local roads. However, he is concerned that Waste Management might interpret the fee as Tontitown accepting or supporting the landfill. He emphasizes that the city has repeatedly opposed landfill expansion and has hosted the landfill for over 45 years, and he believes it's time for another community to take on that burden.

Mr. Calcagni urges the city to include wording in the resolution stating that the fee does not signal acceptance of the landfill but is simply meant to recover costs caused by landfill-related traffic. He argues that scientific evidence shows landfills harm air, water, and the environment, and that Tontitown's growth has outpaced the suitability of a rural landfill zone. He asks city leaders to prioritize health, safety, and infrastructure as the area continues to grow.

#### **Captain Bowen of the Tontitown Police Department**

- Captain Bowen read a formal commendation recognizing two police officers, Lound and Covington for exceptional professionalism, restraint, and life-saving actions in two separate incidents. In the first case, the officers entered a home, rescued an unresponsive person from a running vehicle in a closed garage, and kept her safe until medical help arrived. In the second case, they responded to an armed, intoxicated military veteran in a mental-health crisis who expressed a desire to die. The officers de-escalated the situation without violence, preventing what could have become a fatal encounter.

Captain Bowen emphasizes that although the Police Department often receives criticism, these officers exemplify its core values—pride, professionalism, and proactive policing. He praises their courage, compassion, and discipline, and presents them with life-saving awards for their service and commitment to the community.

#### **8. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. Proposed Amendment to §153.172 Detached Accessory Dwelling Units**  
No Public Hearing was required.

#### **9) Old Business:**

- A. A discussion of expanding the Planning Commission to 7 members. Sponsored by: Mike/Brad**

Mike Washkowiak motioned to send it to the next City Council Meeting.  
No Second

Motion Dies lack of a Second

**10) New Business:**

**A. Presentation from Ordinal Regarding Platform Updates by Vladimir Lopez. Sponsored by: Mayor**

Daniel Escalona was presenting for Ordinal.

Through Ordinal's platform and its regular updates, this program ensures that the City of Tontitown's municipal codes stay fully aligned with Arkansas State codes.

More information was requested by the council.

**B. A discussion of a Letter of Support for Forgotten Paws NWA. Sponsored by: Mayor**

Discussion of a resolution expressing support for forgotten paws NWA and its efforts within the city of Tontitown, Arkansas.

Daniel Montez motioned to move to the **next City Council Meeting**.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES  
Tim Burress Voted- NO  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES  
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES  
Daniel Montez Voted- YES

4 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

**C. A discussion of a Proposed Ordinance Addressing Animal Dumping. Sponsored by: Mayor**

Discussion of an ordinance prohibiting the abandonment or dumping of dogs and cats within the city of Tontitown, authorizing enforcement actions, and for other purposes.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**D. A discussion of a proposed ordinance to amend section 153.172 of the Tontitown Municipal Code. Sponsored by: Mayor/Mark**

Discussion to amend section 153.172

Tim Burress motioned to TABLE to the **next Committee of the Whole Meeting**.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

**E. A discussion of a proposed Ordinance to amend section 155 of the Tontitown Municipal code regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Impact Fees. Sponsored by: Mayor/Mark**

Discussion of an ordinance amending section 155 of the Tontitown city code to establish an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) impact fee.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**F. A discussion of a proposed resolution for Final Plat Acceptance. Sponsored by: Mayor/Mark**

Discussion of a resolution to accept the dedications contained in Final Subdivision Plats approved by the City Council.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**G. A discussion regarding Placer Software. Sponsored by: Mayor/Brad**

Discussion Only- Reference YouTube for details.

Placer.ai is a leading location intelligence and foot traffic analytics platform that uses anonymized, aggregated mobile location data to help businesses and governments understand physical visitation trends. It provides insights into customer behavior, trade areas, and competitor benchmarking to support data-driven decisions in real estate, retail, and marketing.

**H. A discussion of an Ordinance Imposing a Cost Recovery Fee for Road Access to the Landfill. Sponsored by: Mike/Mark**

Discussion of an ordinance imposing a cost recovery user fee for road access to Eco Vista Landfill located within the corporate limits of the City of Tontitown.

Minor change(s) requested for the ordinance were communicated to the City Attorney during the meeting.

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

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES  
Daniel Montez Voted- YES  
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- NO  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

4 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

**I. A discussion of a proposed resolution regarding an application for Tap Funding. Sponsored by: Mayor/Mark**

Discussion of a resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Tontitown to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program or Recreational Trails Program Funds.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**J. A discussion of a change order for APAC Contract. Sponsored by: Mike/Mark**

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**K. A discussion of a proposed resolution authorizing Park Funding in the amount of \$30,000. Sponsored by: Mayor/Mark**

The City of Tontitown Parks Committee is requesting funds to support the growth of its annual events. These improvements aim to strengthen community engagement and encourage greater participation from residents.

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**L. A discussion of payment to Black Hills. Sponsored by: Mayor/Mark**

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Black Hills Energy for the relocation of a gas main along the west side of Mantegani Road for the proposed Street Improvements Project.

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

Daniel Montez Voted- NO  
Tim Burress Voted- YES  
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES  
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

4 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

**M. A discussion of a task order with Karstetter Johnston engineering to design water line improvements on Wildcat Creek Blvd and Harmon Road. Sponsored by: Mayor/James**

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

**9) Comments from Council Members**

**Mike Washkowiak**

- After hearing the earlier police commendation, it puts everyday life into perspective and highlights how much officers deal with. He feels police don't get the respect or recognition they deserve for the good work they do. He's grateful that a potentially tragic domestic-violence call ended safely and encourages the officers to keep doing what they do, expressing deep appreciation for their service.

**Tim Burress**

- Mr. Burress expressed pride in the Police Department after hearing the earlier commendations, saying the officers' actions are sobering but admirable. He praised the chief and the entire team, noting that many good stories go unheard. He also thanked Jennifer and Samantha for their work on upcoming community events and expressed appreciation for the Fire Department, Police Department, and city staff.

**Larry Ardemagni**

- Larry thanked everyone for attending and expresses his appreciation for the fire department, police department, and city staff, calling them a great group of people. He also thanks Parks for their enthusiasm.

**Amber Ibarra**

- Mrs. Ibarra echoed the earlier praise for the Police and Fire Departments, saying she has deep respect and appreciation for the work they do and the risks they take. She also thanks Samantha and Jen for presenting the parks and recreation plans, and she thanks the council for supporting those efforts.

**Daniel Montez**

- Mr. Montez thanks everyone for attending and expresses appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments, specifically acknowledging Chief Bowen, his officers, and Fire Chief Krug. He mentions seeing positive recognition online for one of the firefighters and congratulates him. He also thanks Zac, Mr. Latham, and Mr. Spurlock for their work, then wishes everyone a good night.

#### 10) Comments from Mayor

- She thanks all the businesses and individuals who consistently donate to community events, naming several who regularly contribute. She emphasizes how important these events are for the citizens and expresses sincere appreciation. She also promotes the upcoming Citizens Police Academy on April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, noting that attendees will hear many powerful stories about the work officers do. She encourages everyone to participate and thanks everyone and wishes them a good night.

#### 11) Comments from Attorney

- He hopes everybody has a good night. Thank you.

#### 12) Adjournment- All in Favor

APPROVED: Angela Russell  
Angela Russell, Mayor

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

Sponsor (Initiated By): N/A

Motion to Introduce Made By: Mike Waskkowiak

Seconded By: Tim Burress

Adopted / Passed: Passed

Vote: Ayes 4 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 1 Absent \_\_\_\_\_