

Mayor – Angela Russell
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni
City Attorney –Tyler R Farrar
City Engineer–CK Civil
Engineering



Ward 1 Position 1 – Misty Piazza
Ward 1 Position 2– Mick Wagner
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
June 16th, 2026
Minutes

**The Tontitown City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at
Tontitown City Hall.**

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City Council

- 1) **Prayer-** Garris Hudson
- 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 request to amend the agenda to add Item 11Q.
Discuss the CPA Firm information that was requested by council.
Second by Mick Wagner

Motion Passes Unanimously

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

6) Approval of May 19th, 2026, City Council Minutes

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the May 19th, 2026, City Council 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 June 16, 2026

The THM Board of Directors did not meet in June due to Heritage Day

1. **Heritage Day:** We had a great day on May 31st, celebrating Tontitown Heritage Day; we saw a lot of new faces this year and couldn't have had better weather for the afternoon! Thank you again to all our sponsors and everyone who attended.
2. **Summer Camp:** Students were on-site for the summer camp June 8-10, we made polenta in the park, learned about grape growing and bocce, and the kids competed in a Bocce Tournament on the last day.
3. **Digitization Project:** Currently on hold as we on board our newest staff member through the summer.
4. **Visitors:** 100 visitors (25 regular visitors & 75 on Heritage Day)
5. **America250 Block Party:** Reminder that Shiloh Museum of Ozark History is hosting their big block party July 11th, there visitors will get a chance to stop by our table and see some Tontitown history. And Emily has been invited to speak about Tontitown's American story, how we became a town and eventually were incorporated in 1909.
6. **Museum Registrar:** As we say good-bye to Juli this month, we are also welcoming her replacement, Randi Lewis, who comes to THM with years of experience running Gravette Historical Museum.

THM Board will not meet on July 6th at City Hall at 6p.m.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: May 2026

Calls for Service – 1235

Accident Reports – 13

Warrants Served – 61

Warrants Outstanding - 1466

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,776,036.38

Training Hours (YTD) – 1347

Citation Total - 226

Speeding Citations - 28

(Other) Traffic Citations - 137

Criminal Citations – 14

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 47

Warning Total - 850

Speeding Warnings – 252

(Other) Traffic Warnings – 598

C. Fire

Fire Department Report MAY 2026

Total Calls: 37

EMS 24
FIRE 2
MVA 4
FIRE ALARM 2
SERVICE CALL 4
MUTUAL AID 0
CANCELED IN ROUTE 0
FALSE CALL 1

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

May 2026: 228 calls for service May 2025: 242 calls for service

Decrease of 14 calls to date over 2025

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 10 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 5 minutes 29 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

June Report:

Building Report

Community Development Department

- **Planning**

Variance Request – Applicant is requesting a variance on setback requirements.

Property is located at 741 Javello Rd. Parcel #: 830-37692-240.

Large Scale Development – The City of Tontitown is requesting a large-scale development for a proposed Police Station located at E. Fletcher Ave.

Vacate ROW for Pam Trucking – Applicant is requesting a ROW vacation for SW 1st St and part of Washington Ave.

Preliminary Plat – Applicant is requesting a preliminary plat review for Aria Subdivision located on the newly proposed Fletcher Ave and Klenc Rd. This will be the first phase of the subdivision for 30 lots and detention pond. This project is tentative on the outcome of the outstanding comments to be addressed.

- **Street and Stormwater**

412/Barrington

1st Phase of Fletcher

Landfill Access Fee

Stormwater work on South Barrington

- **Grants**

Corridor Study

Hazardous Mitigation Grant

- **Other Projects**

CPA Contract

HR Contract
Park Committee (Family Fun Day-June 27)

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

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve to Waive the 3 Reading Rule for All Ordinances on Agenda.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

10) Old Business: NONE

11) New Business:

A. A discussion on §30.26 of the Tontitown Municipal Code regarding Rules Governing Conduct in Meetings. Sponsored by: Mayor

Discussion only-

Regarding rules governing conduct in meetings and adhering to time limits.

B. An approval of a formal acknowledgement of a Water/Sewer Audit. Sponsored by: James/Mayor

Mick Wagner motioned to formally acknowledgement of a Water/Sewer Audit.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

C. An approval of resolution allowing the Water Department to purchase water meters. Sponsored by: James/Mayor

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the resolution allowing the Water Department to purchase water meters.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

D. An approval of a land purchase agreement for the Police Department Property. Sponsored by: Corey/Mayor

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the resolution of a Land Purchase Agreement for the Police Department Property.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

**E. An approval of an Ordinance to adopt the Tontitown Police Department Policies.
Sponsored by: Corey/Mayor**

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the Ordinance to adopt the Tontitown Police Department Policies.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motin Passes Unanimously

**F. An approval to remove a 2024 Nissan Rogue from the TPD fixed assets list.
Sponsored by: Corey/Mayor**

Tim Burress motioned to approve the resolution to remove a 2024 Nissan Rogue from the TPD fixed assets list.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

G. An approval of a Bid Reward for the fixed asset purchase for 5 Motorola Radios for the Fire Department. Sponsored by: Ryan/Mick

Tim Burress motioned to approve the resolution of a Bid Reward for the fixed asset purchase for 5 Motorola Radios for the Fire Department.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

H. An approval of a Bid Award for the Community Building. Sponsored by: Mark/Mayor

Misty Piazza motioned to approve the resolution of a Bid Award with Southern Brothers Builders for the Community Building.

Second by Daniel Montez

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Daniel Montez Voted- NO

Mick Wagner Voted- NO

Tim Burress Voted- NO

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

3 Votes- NO to 3 Voted- YES

Mayor Russell Voted- YES

Motion Passes

Misty Piazza left the meeting at this time due to illness.

**I. An approval of a Resolution to accept a change order to repair Reed Valley Road.
Sponsored by: Mark/Mayor**

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the resolution to accept a change order to repair Reed Valley Road.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

J. An approval of a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to purchase ROW for Phase 2 of Fletcher. Sponsored by: Mark/Mayor

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the resolution to authorize the mayor to purchase Right-of- Way for Phase 2 of Fletcher.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Mick Wagner Voted- NO

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Tim Burrss Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

1 Voted- NO to 4 Votes- YES

Motion Passes

K. An approval of an Ordinance amending §31.04 and §52.005 of the Tontitown Municipal Code. Sponsored by: Mick

Daniel Montez motioned to approve an ordinance amending §31.04 and §52.005 of the Tontitown Municipal Code.

Second by Mick Wagner

Motion Passes Unanimously

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

L. An approval of an Ordinance establishing two City Council meetings and abolishing the Committee of the Whole meeting. Sponsored by: Danny

Mick Wagner motioned to approve an ordinance establishing two City Council meetings and abolishing the Committee of the Whole meeting.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES
Daniel Montez Voted- YES
Mick Wagner Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- NO
Larry Ardemagni Voted- NO

3 Votes- YES to 2 Votes- No

Motion Dies

M. An approval of an Ordinance adopting the City of Tontitown's Drainage Criteria Manual. Sponsored by: Mick

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve an ordinance adopting the City of Tontitown's Drainage Criteria Manual.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

N. An approval of an Ordinance clarifying Administrative Responsibility for Stormwater. Sponsored by: Mick

Tim Burress motioned to approve an ordinance clarifying Administrative Responsibility for Stormwater.
Second by Mick Wagner

Motion Passes Unanimously

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Mick Wagner

Motion Passes Unanimously

O. An approval of a Resolution authorizing the engagement of Professional Services Agreement with Jeff Hawkins. Sponsored by Mick

Mick Wagner motioned to approve a resolution authorizing the engagement of Professional Services Agreement with Jeff Hawkins.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

P. An approval of a Resolution authorizing the engagement of Kutak Rock LLP. Sponsored by: Tim

Mick Wagner motioned to approve a resolution authorizing the engagement of Kutak Rock LLP.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

Q. Discuss the information provided by the CPA Firm (Landmark) that was requested by council. Mick

Mr. Wagner emphasized that the city's finances are becoming more complex as the city grows, and the current staff lacks formal accounting expertise. The Clerk-Treasurer has done well managing the workload, but payroll processes and other financial practices raise concerns. A June 4 memo from Landmark (the CPA firm) supports the need for improvements.

Mr. Wagner noted that many unrelated expenses are being grouped into the same account (Account 5590), citing over \$100,000 in charges during the first five months of the year. These include contract services, IT services, janitorial services, water-related studies, web design, and other miscellaneous items. This lack of proper classification makes financial oversight difficult.

Because of these issues, Mr. Wagner believes it is important to bring Landmark in as soon as possible to help reorganize the city's books for 2025, which is allowed under Arkansas Municipal Accounting Laws. A resolution and engagement letter are prepared, though the City Attorney (Mr. Farrar) has not yet given final approval.

Mr. Wagner suggested that the council could vote to move forward immediately, approving the resolution contingent on the attorney's final review, rather than

waiting another month. Other council members agreed that this issue has been discussed for months that Landmark's proposal seems solid, and that moving forward, pending the attorney's approval—would be appropriate. One member noted that Landmark has been responsive and that the arrangement appears reasonable.

Mick Wagner motioned to accept the resolution and attach the Letter of Engagement that would be contingent upon City Attorney Farrar's approval.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

12) Public Comments

Tammy Graham 1984 S. Pinalto Rd., Tontitown, AR

Ms. Graham expressed appreciation for the recent letter the city sent to Waste Management and thanked Mr. Wagner for his role in it. She focused on the compliance plan outlined in the letter, specifically a section requiring Waste Management to provide a project schedule with design, permitting, construction, testing, and operational milestones.

Her main request was that the council hold Waste Management accountable by requiring progress reports at each phase. She suggested that for every phase, Phase 1, Phase 2, and so on, the city should review whether the company met its operational milestones, ask why if they did not, and ensure measurable progress is being made. Her goal is to prevent the city from having the same unresolved issues a year from now.

She closed by asking the council to seriously consider implementing this structured accountability approach.

13) Comments from Alderman

Mike Washkowiak

Mr. Washkowiak announced that they have petitions available for registered voters of Tontitown to sign so they can qualify to run for office again. He emphasized that people do not need to vote for them—just signing the petition helps place their name on the ballot. And thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Tim Burress

Mr. Burress thanked the mayor and said that the council is praying for the absent council member, calling her a valued part of the team and hoping for her quick return. He also praised the city staff, saying they are exceptional from top to bottom. Finally, he thanked the community members for attending and encouraged them to keep participating.

Larry Ardemagni

Mr. Ardemagni said the staff is outstanding and thanked everyone for attending, encouraging them to keep coming.

Daniel Montez

Mr. Montez thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation for the productive discussion. He said he is excited to see the city continue to grow and flourish. He also shared a personal update about his son, thanking the community for their love, support, and prayers. His son had a difficult day recently but is now doing much better, with encouraging medical results and a positive visit from friends. With his birthday approaching, the family plans a smaller celebration this year, but the doctor approved limited interaction with other children. He closed by again expressing gratitude for the community's support.

Mick Wagner

Mr. Wagner spoke about the importance of transparency and accountability in local government. He noted that the council adopted an ordinance last year requiring every proposed ordinance to list its sponsors and the number of votes needed for passage, something he strongly supported because it helps citizens understand their government.

He explained that sponsorship is about responsibility, not credit, and that posting full ordinance texts online allows the public to read the exact language being considered. He has been maintaining a spreadsheet of ordinance sponsorships since the rule took effect in December 2025 and plans to share it as the council term ends. He invited aldermen to review and correct any missing sponsorship information, so the public record is complete.

He closed by emphasizing that good government relies on openness, accountability, and an informed public, and encouraged continuing those principles moving forward.

14) Comments from Mayor

The mayor asked everyone to pray for Ms. Piazza, who had to leave the meeting due to a medical issue. She thanked Nicole Burus, a nurse, for assisting, and then thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good evening.

15) Comments from City Attorney- Not in attendance

16) Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

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 _____