

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



Ward 1 Position 1 – Craig Graves
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
August 3rd, 2026
Minutes

The Tontitown City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at
Tontitown City Hall.

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City Council

City Attorney announced that we do not have a mayor present this evening. She is absent. Therefore, under Arkansas law, the City Council needs to elect a president pro tempore to preside over the meeting.

Mick Wagner motioned to nominated Daniel Montez.
Second by Tim Burress

Daniel Montez Voted- ABSTAIN
Craig Graves Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES
Mick Wagner Voted YES

Motion Passes

- 1) **Prayer-** Jaymi Blakenship with Brush Creek Baptist Church
- 2) **Meeting Call to Order**
- 3) **Roll Call-** All in attendance.
- 4) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5) **Approval of Agenda**

Mick Wagner requested that we make a few amendments and corrections to the agenda.

First, Items 7 and 8 be stricken from the agenda. Should not have been included on the agenda , and we do not have reports at this meeting.

Second, amend the agenda by adding Item 11F, "Discussion of the Upcoming 2025 Arkansas Legislative Audit".



Mike Washkowiak requested to put "Public Comments" before New Business.

Mick Wagner motioned to approve the amended agenda.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of July 21st, 2026, City Council Minutes and July 7th, 2026, Committee of the Whole Minutes.

Tim Burress motioned to approve the of July 21st, 2026, City Council Minutes and July 7th, 2026, Committee of the Whole Minutes.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. 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 Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

8. Old Business- NONE

9. Public Comments-

Austin Ottwell

Mr. Ottwell expressed concerns about the high cost of impact fees and utility-related expenses associated with building a home in Tontitown, stating that the total upfront costs exceeded \$20,000. He also cited delays in the approval process and requested that the City improve its level of service and communication for residents undertaking new construction.

10. New Business:

A. A discussion and approval of a resolution for the Water and Sewer to request RFQ's for Auditing Services. Sponsored by:

Councilman Wagner introduced the resolution, explaining that state law requires the city to publicly solicit requests for proposals and Statements of Qualifications for professional services, including auditing services. He stated that the resolution

fulfills this legal requirement and will allow the City to obtain qualified accounting firms for the upcoming annual audit.

Mick Wagner motioned to approve the resolution for the Water and Sewer to request RFQ's for Auditing Services.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. A discussion and approval of a resolution to allow the city to negotiate ROW with ARDOT for 112 Widening Project. Sponsored by:

Councilman Wagner introduced the item on behalf of Mr. Clark, explaining that it supports the long-term ARDOT Highway 112 corridor project, which will replace the existing lift station with a gravity sewer line. He stated that the project has received federal funding and that the resolution is a procedural requirement to comply with grant conditions and begin the right-of-way acquisition process.

Mick Wagner motioned to approve the resolution to allow the city to negotiate ROW with ARDOT for 112 Widening Project.

Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

C. A discussion and approval of an Ordinance to establish and define the Planning Director position. Sponsored by: Mick

Councilman Wagner explained that the proposed ordinance would establish the Planning Director as a department head reporting directly to the mayor. He stated that the change is intended to clarify the City's organizational structure, improve accountability and communication, support professional planning functions, and align municipal operations with Arkansas law while providing a stable, codified chain of command as the city continues to grow.

Mick Wagner motioned to approve the Ordinance to establish and define the Planning Director position.

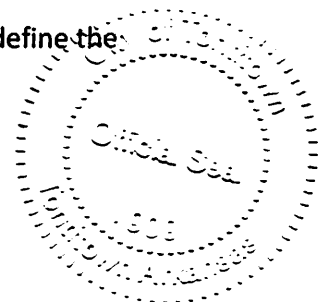
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

Tim Burress motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously



D. A discussion and approval of an Ordinance to establish the Municipal Technologies and Administrative Services Coordinator position. Sponsored by: Mick

Councilman Wagner explained that the proposed ordinance would create a Municipal Technology and Administrative Services Coordinator position within the Planning Department. He stated that the position would formalize existing technology and administrative responsibilities, improve operational efficiency through cross-training and back-up support for essential functions, establish a clear reporting structure under the Planning Director, and preserve the mayor's statutory authority without creating a new department or department head.

Mick Wagner motioned to approve the Ordinance to establish the Municipal Technologies and Administrative Services Coordinator position.
Second by Tim Burress

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

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

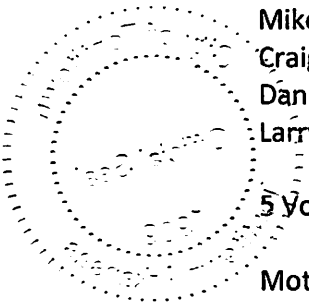
Mick Wagner motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Tim Burress

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

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

E. A discussion and approval of a Resolution to amend the 2026 Proposed Budget. Sponsored by: Mick



Councilman Wagner explained that the ordinance reallocates budgeted funds from the Administrative Assistant position to the Planning Department to fund the newly created Municipal Technology and Administrative Services Coordinator position. He stated that the change is intended to align staffing and reporting responsibilities without increasing the overall personnel budget.

Tim Burress motioned to approve the Resolution to amend the 2026 Proposed Budget.

Second by Mick Wagner

Motion Passes Unanimously

F. Discussion of the Upcoming 2025 Arkansas Legislative Audit.

Discussion Only

Councilman Wagner expressed concerns that the elected Clerk-Treasurer was not promptly notified of the upcoming 2025 Arkansas Legislative Audit after the City received notice. He stated that the lack of communication may have delayed efforts to address accounting issues before the audit and emphasized the importance of timely communication, financial oversight, and improved coordination among City officials.

11. Comments from Alderman

Mick Wagner

Thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation for their participation.

Craig Graves

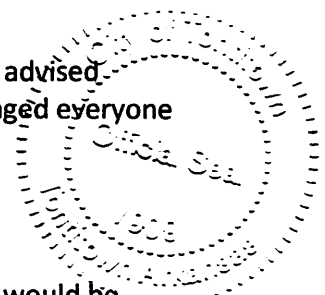
Apologized for the delay, stating that they had received 126 emails that day and appreciated everyone's patience.

Larry Ardemagni

Reminded attendees that the festival would begin the following evening and advised residents to prepare for increased traffic through Saturday night. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the festival and the weather.

Tim Burress

Encouraged attendees to visit the grape festival, noting that grape ice cream would be available for purchase. He stated that the festival would begin the following day at 4:00 p.m. and thanked everyone.



Mike Washkowiak

Shared that he would be working at the Grape Festival, assisting with the spaghetti takeout window on Thursday night and helping wherever needed in the kitchen on Saturday night. He commented that the festival is always a fun event and joked that, despite attending for many years, he has never tried and does not plan to try grape ice cream. and thanked everyone for attending.

Daniel Montez

Thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation to the Council for allowing him to serve as president pro tempore. He noted that it was his first time presiding over the meeting and described the experience as interesting. He thanked attendees for the discussion and cooperation and wished everyone a safe and productive week.

12. Comments from Mayor- Not in attendance.

13. Comments from City Attorney

Everybody have a good night.

14. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of Aug 2025.

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 Washkowiak

Seconded By: Daniel Montez

Adopted / Passed

Vote: Ayes 6 Nays _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____



