

Mayor – Angela Russell
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni
City Attorney –Justin Eichmann
Law Firm–Harrington-Miller
City Engineer–Garver Engineers



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
May 16, 2023
Minutes**

**The Tontitown Public Hearing and City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall and via Zoom and YouTube visit <https://zoom.us/j/97053037337>
Meeting ID: 970 5303 7337# or join by phone at +1 (312) 626-6799
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City Council

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call
Amber Ibarra was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Tim Burress motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the April 18, 2023, City Council Minutes

Misty Piazza Motioned to approve.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of the May 10, 2023, Special City Council Minutes

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

8. Department Reports
A. Museum

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Monday, May 1, 2023.

1. Tontitown Heritage Day: Save the day for our upcoming Tontitown Heritage Day on Sunday, May 21st from 12-2 in Tontitown Park. We have a new pasta exhibit in the museum, our 3rd annual silent bake auction, a hot dog lunch, and live music from Michael Pinalto. Join us for fun, family, friends, and lots of history.

2. Volunteers: The museum is always looking to add more volunteers to our team. A volunteer application is being added to the website for those that would like to apply to help at our events, education tours, or exhibit setup.

Regular Museum Hours: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm in City Hall Conference Room.

B. Police

Month: April 2023

Calls for Service – 609

Accident Reports – 18

Warrants Served – 76

Warrants Outstanding - 1220

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,618,793.50

Training Hours (YTD) – 985

Citation Total - 137

Speeding Citations - 8

(Other) Traffic Citations - 79

Criminal Citations – 29

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 21

Warning Total - 283

Speeding Warnings – 54

(Other) Traffic Warnings – 229

C. Fire

Total Calls- 48

EMS- 30

FIRE- 4

MVA- 4

FALSE ALARM- 3

SERVICE CALL- 7

MUTUAL AID- 1

The Fire Department responded to 24 more calls within the city limits of Tontitown compared to 2022.

5-year reflection: TFD reported 189 calls for the year through April 2023. This is 80 more calls than what was reported through April 2018 (109 calls).

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 min 4 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 45 seconds.

The fire department completed over 572 hours of training in April.
Over 350 hours training hours provided for mutual aid departments.

John Buchan was promoted to Battalion Chief.

Daniel Justice graduated from the cadet program to a volunteer firefighter.

The gear extractor washer and dryer were received through a grant and will be reimbursed.

The chief wanted the council to be aware that the ladders were serviced in May, and one of the findings came back and significant repairs will be needed for the ladder truck, quotes are still being obtained at this time and it will probably be expensive.

D. Public Works

STREETS/PARKS:

Some improvements have been made to the baseball field in the park. Ozarks Electric, through their Community Outreach program, is assisting Josh Crain and the City by updating the lighting controls for the field. New equipment was installed on the two poles where the disconnect switches were that allow the field lights to be turned on and off. Also, they installed a new pole and underground service to eliminate the overhead wiring on the south side of the field. This is all thanks to Wes Graham, a manager at Ozarks Electric and a Coach of a youth baseball team that utilizes the park for practice.

WATER/SEWER:

Last week I attended the annual AWW&WEA Water Conference in Hot Springs. Like the Municipal League Conference, the water conference is an event that brings together approximately 1,500 water and wastewater professionals from all over the state. The meeting provides 16 formal training hours to help meet licensing requirements for water and wastewater personnel. In addition, a large trade show is held to display the latest equipment in the water and wastewater field. It also provides a chance to meet in person with representatives from the Arkansas Department of Health, ADEQ, ArDot and other state agencies that I work with on a regular basis. Finally, it is a great opportunity for networking with peers from cities large and small all over the state. The greatest issue among all cities is finding and retaining employees.

I mentioned last meeting that work would begin on the 412 water line on April 17th. That date has changed. Mobilization began May 1st and work began on May 8th. The current plan is start at Barrington Road and proceed east. Once the contractor has another crew on site, they will start at Barrington and proceed west.

Since Charles Ward left the Public Works Department, we have been advertising for field personnel. I have hired one person, but need at least one more. If you know of anyone looking for a job, please send them my way.

Austin Bowen is the person that we hired for the Public Works Department. His parents are the owners of the Venesian Inn. Austin is also the great-nephew of Tommy Granata. We are pleased to have him join our team.

E. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

F. Planning

COW May Agenda:

1. Royal Real Estate, LLC – The applicant is requesting a rezone of 16.0 acres Residential Estate (RE) to Commercial Trades and Services (C-T) at 1145 Javello RD. Parcel #: 830-37883-100 and 830-37883-400.
2. Vapor Maven – The applicant is requesting a rezone from R-3 to C-2 and a CUP for warehouse in C-2 at 516 W. Henri De Toni Blvd.

3. Casalini Warehouse – The applicant is requesting approval of the LSD and building setback variance at 1044 and 1032 E. Henri De Tonti Blvd.

COW meeting in June.

Presentation of the CIP (Capital Improvements Process) and report on Where are we?

Also, there will be a Public Meeting to do a large development scope on the current park and grant process. The meeting is scheduled for Monday- June 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

9. Comments from Citizens- NONE

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

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business: NONE

12. New Business:

A. Approval of an Ordinance to rezone approximately 12.48 acres located at HWY 412 and Pozza Lane, more particularly described as parcel #830-37669-000 from residential (R-3) to general commercial (C-2) in the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie (Planning)

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. Approval of an Ordinance to vacate a portion of a 20-foot utility easement located at 184 & 244 S. Maestri Road – Angie (Planning)

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

13. Comments from Aldermen

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Misty Piazza

1. Tontitown Heritage Days in the Park is Sunday May 21 2023, from 12:00 to 2:00, music, food, baked goods auction, and new exhibit and more.
2. Happy Birthday to City Attorney Justin Eichmann.

Tim Burress

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Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked James Clark and Chief Jenison for the three-way-stop that was installed at Bausinger and Fletcher to help with the speeding traffic.
2. Like the comparisons the chief presented to the council on the five year and one year, it gave them real data to look at, as far as what the growth really means for the department.
3. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked the Duggars for letting the Fire Department use some of the vehicles to tear up.
2. Thanked Chief Mark Ramsey for the heads up regarding the ladder truck.
3. Please come out to Heritage Days it's quite amazing.
4. Thanked everyone for coming out.

14. Comments from Mayor- NONE

15. Comments from City Attorney- NONE

16. **Adjournment**- All in Favor