

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
September 19, 2023
Minutes

The Tontitown Public Hearing and City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 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
All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the August 15, 2023 City Council Minutes

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Approval of the August 21, 2023 Special City Council Minutes

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Financial Report

Reference the city's website for detailed report.

8. Department Reports
 - A. Museum

1. Polenta Smear: We hope you will Save the Date, November 5, 2023, for our 21st annual Tontitown Reunion and Old-Fashioned Polenta Smear featuring a Taste of Tontitown. We will be partnering with the local restaurants to serve tasting-sized portions of each dish, as well as homemade desserts.
2. Historic House Hunt: Our museum was part of a summer museum adventure. It was a successful event with 35 visitors for this event coming through our little museum. We are looking forward to partnering with other surrounding museums for future events like this.
3. Grape Festival: We had 91 visitors come through the museum during the Grape Festival with an additional 25 during the month of August, totaling 116!
4. Symbols Day: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History is hosting Arkansas Symbols Day on October 10th from 9-3:30pm. This event is for students in the 1st-3rd grade in any of our local schools. Tontitown will be representing the Grape!
5. Wednesdays: The museum is now open on Wednesdays of each week from 9 am to 1pm. We are excited to add an additional day for the public to come and enjoy our museum.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday 9 am – 1 pm; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm – 4 pm

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm in City Hall Conference Room.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month:

August 2023 Calls for Service –

910 Accident Reports – 19

Warrants Served – 87

Warrants Outstanding - 1157

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,527,093.50

Training Hours (YTD) – 2,133

Citation Total - 199

Speeding Citations - 12 (Other)

Traffic Citations - 108

Criminal Citations – 29

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 50

Warning Total - 443

Speeding Warnings – 151 (Other)

Traffic Warnings – 292

Grape Festival We had a few incidents surrounding some gang members from Springdale. We had a few fights and assisted with several medical calls due to the heat. We had quick responses to all incidents and resolved all of them without major incidents. A special thanks to the Highfill Police Department for assisting us with their drones. They were a big part of our fast response locating suspects throughout the night and deterring criminal activity. As well as a thanks to Fort Smith Police for loaning

us their observation tower. This is the 2nd year using their tower and gives us a great vantage point in the crowded area of the rides.

TVI/PIT training was conducted at Drake Field August 29th & 30th. This was continued training recertification and certification for our newer officers. This training has been vital to ending pursuits quickly.

C. Fire

Fire Department Report August 2023

Total Calls: 112 EMS 88

FIRE 4

MVA 5

FALSE ALARM 4

SERVICE CALL 8

MUTUAL AID 3

Calls within city limits of Tontitown-

August 2023: 462 calls for service.

August 2022: 336 calls for service

Increase of 126 calls to date over 2022.

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 0 minute 46 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 2 minutes 19 seconds.

Code Enforcement opened 7 new cases and closed 21 in August.

The fire department completed over 520 training hours in August.

Three cadets attended EMR. Three firefighters attended Driver Operator. One cadet started firefighter standards school.

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city's website for detailed report.

E. Building Report

Reference the city's website for detailed report.

F. Planning

September Agenda: 1. Alliance Concrete Rezone -The applicant is requesting to rezone 3.27 acres from RE (Residential Estates) to C-2 (Commercial) located at 1438 Arbor Acres.

2. Lehmann Rezone - The applicant is requesting to rezone 2.00 acres from R-E (Residential Estates) to R-1 (Single Family, 1 acre) at Kenneth Price Road.

3. Russell Rezone – The applicant is requesting to rezone 3.00 acres from A-1 (Agriculture) to R-1 and L1 at 1583 Arbor Acres Road.
4. Vapor Maven - The applicant is requesting approval of a Large-Scale Development to construct 107,000 square feet retail and warehouse at 516 W. Henri de Tonti Blvd.

9. Comments from Citizens

No Comments

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

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business:

- A. Approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the bid submitted by Goodwin and Goodwin, Inc. For the Wildcat Creek Water Improvement Project – Angie/James

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. New Business:

- A. Approval of an ordinance to enact water and wastewater impact fees; Adopting rules and regulations; **and declaring an emergency** – Angie/James

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Approval of a resolution approve and adopt the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan – Angie/Mark Latham

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Approval of an ordinance rezoning approximately 1.561 acres of property located at 290 S Barrington Road – Angie/Planning

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Approval of an ordinance rezoning approximately 4.338 acres of property located at 1064 N Barrington Road – Angie/Planning

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. Approval of an ordinance to rezone certain lands located at 1076 N Barrington Road – Angie/Planning

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- F. Approval of a resolution authorizing the rate of property tax for 2023 to be collected in 2024 – Angie

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. Motion to purchase 1 Ladder Truck for the Tontitown Fire Department at the cost of \$1,334,623.00 from the general fund or enter into an Amendment 78 Financial Agreement – Angie/Ryan Krug

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the ladder truck purchase and pay in full from the General Fund.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

13. Comments from Alderman

Mike Washkowiak

1. Congratulated the Fire Department on the ladder truck purchase.
2. Mike spoke about two more Police Officers that were deliberately killed, 1 was hit by a car while riding his bike and the other was shot while sitting in his patrol car. Mike asked that we keep their families in our prayers and those who still go out and serve the communities,
3. Thanked the First Responders.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked the city employees, citizens, mayor and the city council. We are making progress.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked those who assisted in the Grape Festival.
2. Thanked all city employees.

Amber Ibarra

1. Thankful for the city's leadership.

Misty Piazza

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Saturday's event was a success and was a long day.
3. Congratulated the winners of the Bocce Tournament.
4. Congratulated Cany Black for placing 1st in the car show.
5. Thanked all the people for helping.
6. Thanked the Police and Fire.
7. Thanked the vendors of the food trucks.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked Misty Piazza.
2. Thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting.

Rhonda Ardemagni spoke on behalf of Scott Ardemagni

1. Thanked Amber Ibarra for the cookies, they were very much appreciated.
2. Thanked PK Equipment for inviting the street/water departments to a night at Arvest Ball Park, box section, catered food and a game, they had a great time.
3. Thanked Mark VanDyke's wife Chelsea for cooking breakfast the following morning for the street/water departments.

14. Comments from Mayor

1. Halloween in the Park is coming up in October.

2. We are looking to partner with Elm Springs and Illinois Water Shed, 250 trees are to be given away in November to citizens who sign up. (More details to follow)
3. Thanked Mark Latham for his hard work on the Franchise Fees and updating those fees. There are a couple of corrections- 1. AT&T should be 4.25% and add OzarksGo at 4.25%.
4. Sidewalk is being installed.
5. Thanked Scott Ardemagni and the Street Department for coordinating and getting the cement pads poured for the new benches in the park. The city has six spots still available, benches are \$1500.00, please contact Luann or Leslie.
6. Thanked everyone for coming out.

15. Comments from City Attorney- None

16. **Adjournment**- All in Favor