

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

**Committee of The Whole  
November 7, 2023  
Minutes**

**The Tontitown Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tontitown City Hall, Tontitown, Arkansas and via Microsoft Teams.**

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1. Meeting Call to Order
  2. Roll Call  
All in attendance
  3. Pledge of Allegiance
  4. Approval of Agenda

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of October 3, 2023, COW Minutes

Correction in the “Citizen Comments” the name “Amanda” should have been “Miranda”.

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Comments from Citizens

Rhonda Doudna 462 Pozza Lane, Tontitown, AR

1. Thanked the council, local businesses, and the community for supporting the Halloween in the Park Event.

2. Council members did a great job on their costumes.

Mark Calcagni 12642 Arbor Acres Rd. Tontitown, AR

1. Boston Mountain Meeting – Thursday November 9, 2023, at 1:30, at Tontitown City Hall.
2. A.D.E.Q. Meeting – December 1, 2023, Little Rock, AR.

7. Old Business: NONE

8. New Business:

- A. Discussion of an ordinance amending in its entirety ordinance number 38 of the city of Tontitown and setting forth that Ozarks Electric Cooperative, or its successors, the right, privilege, and franchise to construct, maintain, and operate an electrical power system in areas allocated by the Arkansas Public Service Commission within the city of Tontitown and along, over and across and under streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, and other public ways for the purpose of distributing and selling electrical power – Angie

The last update was 1962 so this ordinance update will raise the current Franchise Fees from 2 percent to 4.25 percent, which is in line with surrounding cities.

Misty Piazza motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Discussion of an ordinance granting Black Hills Energy Arkansas Inc, or its successors, the right, privilege, and franchise to construct, maintain and operate a natural gas system, and to lay gas mains, along, over and across and under streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, and other public ways for the purpose of distributing and selling natural gas – Angie

The last update was 2002 so this ordinance update will raise the current Franchise Fees from 2 percent to 4.25 percent, which is in line with surrounding cities.

Amber Ibarra motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with Crafton, Tull, and Associates inc. for the 2023 pavement maintenance program in the city of Tontitown, Arkansas – Angie / Planning

The updated Comprehensive Plan passed by Council in June identified several concerns the citizens had in the community. One of the biggest concerns was aging street infrastructure.

In 2020 the city completed the First Step Pavement condition analysis. The Scope of Service in the proposed Agreement will utilize the data from First Step and identify priorities. Once the priorities are

completed the plan will outline the most efficient manner to address each street to preserve the surface in a cost-efficient manner.

The city will prepare a budgeted amount each year and follow the plan as directed over a 20-year cycle. I have in the Street budget funds to complete the proposed contract for the contract. I selected Crafton Tull based on their professional experience and my experience working with this firm and the work they did in Siloam Springs.

The mayor is recommending the Council approve the contract with Crafton Tull to complete the plan for \$24,435.

**Daniel Montez motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting, contingent to additional information that was requested by council.**

**Second by Amber Ibarra**

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. Discussion of an ordinance calling a special election in the city of Tontitown on the questions of issuing bonds under amendment No. 62 – Angie / Planning

**Discussion of Financing and refinancing the costs of capital Improvements, levying a three fourths of one percent (0.75%) Sales and Use Tax for the purpose of retaining such bonds.**

Mike Washkowiak motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.

Second by Misty Piazza

Daniel Montez VOTE- YES

Larry Ardemagni VOTED- YES

Tim Burress VOTED- NO

Misty Piazza VOTED- YES

Mike Washkowiak VOTED- YES

Amber Ibarra VOTED- YES

5 VOTES- YES to 1 VOTE- NO

Motion Passes

- E. Discussion of a Conditional Use Permit at 432 Industrial Drive < Informational only. No vote needed > Angie / Planning

Request to construct 2 warehouses on current property.

- F. Discussion of a resolution to adopt the 2023 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Angie / Public Works

The council is to review the updates, but no changes can be made by the council.

Tim Burress motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. Discussion of the 2024 budget – Angie

Daniel Montez motioned to Table to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Mike Washkowiak VOTED- YES  
Tim Burress VOTED- YES  
Larry Ardemagni VOTED-NO  
Amber Ibarra VOTED- YES  
Daniel Montez VOTED- YES  
Misty Piazza VOTED- NO

4 VOTES- YES to 2 VOTES- NO

Motion Passes

H. Discussion of 2023 employee bonus – Angie

Misty Piazza motioned to move to the next City Council Meeting  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

9. Comments from Council Members

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending and speaking at tonight's meeting.

Misty Piazza

1. Thanked everyone for attending Halloween in the Park and the Polenta Smear.
2. Thanked all city department heads.

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked everyone for attending Halloween in the Park.
2. Thanked everyone for their hard work on this year's budget.
3. Holidays are coming up and cherish your family.

Tim Burress

1. Excited about the franchise fees.
2. Great job on the budget.
3. Thanked those who attended and spoke tonight.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked Ranalli's Farm for the pumpkin donation.
2. Good job on the budget.

10. Comments from Mayor

1. Thanked everyone for attending Halloween in the Park and the Polenta Smear.

2. Thanked Mark Latham and Pat Pianalto for the hard work on the budget.
3. At the beginning of this year Pat Pianalto had been checking interest rates at multiple banks and he moved funds around, the city made \$280,042.85 on one account and \$137,760.93 on another account and that is a total of \$417,803.78. BIG THANK YOU to Pat.
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11. Comments from Attorney

12. Adjournment- All in Favor