

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



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 21, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.**

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**City Council**

**1. Meeting Call to Order**

DeAnna and Alex Reynolds presented a check for \$500.00 from the Hershey Heartwarming Grant to the City of Tontitown for the Halloween in the Park event, and Arkansas State Representative Robin Lunstrum was present.

**2. Roll Call**

All in Attendance

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Item 12D – Mayor will be receiving Hershey Heartwarming Grant, has already been presented and will be stricken from the New Business section.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the agenda.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

**5. Approval of the April 16, 2024, City Council Minutes.**

Tim Burress motioned to approve the minutes.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

**6. Approval of the May 07, 2024, Special City Council Minutes.**

Tim Burress motioned to approve the special City Council Minutes.

Second by Daniel Montez.

Motion Passes Unanimously

7. Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

8. Department Reports

A. Museum

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

The THM Board of Directors met in person on Tuesday May 6, 2024.

1. Upcoming Exhibits: Museum staff are working diligently on updating the exhibits within the museum. The main exhibit will focus on the Women of Tontitown 1898-Present, you might see some familiar faces here tonight highlighted in the exhibit. The grand reveal will happen June 2nd at Heritage Day.
2. Heritage Day: June 2nd 12- 2pm at the Arthur Penzo Pavilion in the Harry Sbanotto Par. The museum will be open that day, a recreation of the past Queen Concordia winners will be taken as well as the 1969 Whiskers Club photo. Red Door will be providing BBQ with the Museum Board providing sides. There are many activities planned for the afternoon, we hope to see you and your families there to celebrate the rich heritage Tontitown has!
3. Internship: Alessandro presented his project on the Veterans of Tontitown on April 30th, and is off on his travels for the summer. The museum will be hosting an intern this summer, she is interested in Museum Studies and will be helping to digitize the museum collection and learning more on what small museums are tasked with day to day.
4. "Cries From the Cotton Field": The World Premiere of the film was attended by upwards of 500 people according to the director. We are working to get another date for Tontitown to show the film in June for those who missed the premiere, so keep an eye out for that date and time. Thank you to everyone who attended May 8th, it was a truly special night.  
Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm.

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 10th.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: April 2024

Calls for Service – 865  
Accident Reports – 25  
Warrants Served – 90  
Warrants Outstanding - 1213  
Warrants Amount - \$ 1,523,679.50  
Training Hours (YTD) – 1,145  
Citation Total - 205  
Speeding Citations - 13  
(Other) Traffic Citations - 107  
Criminal Citations – 36  
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 49  
Warning Total - 479  
Speeding Warnings – 139  
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 340

C. Fire

Fire Department Report April 2024  
Total Calls: 49

EMS 26  
FIRE 5  
MVA 7  
FALSE ALARM 6  
SERVICE CALL 5  
MUTUAL AID 0  
Calls within city limits of Tontitown

April 2024: 164 calls for service      April 2023:189 calls for service

Decrease of 25 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 35 seconds.  
Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 11 seconds.  
The fire department completed training hours in March.

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for detailed report.

E. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

F. Planning

Building Report for April

Planning Commission

1. May Planning Commission

a. Palecero CUP -The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit from the original permit issued by the City Council on 12-30-21. Property is located on 15 acres at 380 Klenc Rd. Parcel #s: 830-37767-004/005/006.

b. Indoor Batting LSD – The applicant is requesting Large–Scale Development to construct a 7737 sq. ft. building, located on Industrial Drive. Parcel 830-37809-000.

c. Barrington Subdivision Preliminary Plat – The applicant is requesting a Preliminary Plat on 38.7 acres located on S. Barrington and Fletcher Ave. Parcel 830-37664-000.

9. Comments from Citizens

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

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

A. An Approval of an Ordinance for Black Hills Franchise- Angie

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND IN ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE NO. 202311-1085 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; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE CONDUCT OF SAID GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT.

Robin Mizell with Black Hills was present to answer any questions.

Tim Burress motioned to Table.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

B. An Approval of a Resolution for a Tap Grant- Angie

A RESOLUTION EXPRESING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF TONTITOWN TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM OR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS.

Tim Burress motioned to approve.  
Second by Mike Waskowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

C. A Discussion of Outdoor Food Vendors- Angie

The purpose of this section is to establish reasonable rules and regulations regarding mobile food vendors and mobile food vendor courts to operate while ensuring such use is compatible with nearby properties, fosters an aesthetically appealing streetscape and does not create a dangerous traffic condition.

The City Council is to review.

13. Comments from Alderman

Mike Waskowiak

1. Seen the "Cries from the Cotton Fields" and would like to see it again and encourages any of the descendants to tour the Sunnyside Cemetery.
2. Safe travels this holiday weekend.
3. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Tim Burress

1. The Police Academy has been fun and eye-opening and thank you to all those involved with this experience.
2. Would like to chat with Fire Chief Ryan Krug regarding the volunteer program.
3. Thanked Battalion Chief John Buchan for his service and best of luck.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thank you to the Reynolds for the Hershey Heartwarming Grant check presentation.
2. Thanked Robin Lunstrum and Robin Mizell for attending.
3. Looking forward to Heritage Days.

Amber Ibarra

1. Agreed that the Police Academy has been fun and eye-opening and thank you to all those involved with this experience.

Misty Piazza

1. Plans to attend the Police Academy next year.
2. Flyers are out promoting the Heritage Days June 2, 2024, in the park from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
3. Please visit the new exhibits in the museum.

Daniel Montez

1. Heritage Days June 2, 2024, in the park from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Please try to attend.
2. Thank you to the Reynolds for the Hershey Heartwarming Grant check presentation.
3. Congratulations to Battalion Chief John Buchan and best of luck.
4. Thanked Robin Lunstrum and Robin Mizell for attending.
5. Thanked the council for their hard work.

14. Comments from Mayor

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked the council for their hard work.

15. Comments from City Attorney- NONE

16. **Adjournment**- ALL IN FAVOR

Approved this day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Angela Russell, Mayor

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Rhonda Ardamagni, City Clerk-Recorder