

Mayor – Angela Russell
Recorder – Rhonda Ardemagni
City Attorney – Justin Eichmann
Law Firm – Harrington-Miller
City Engineer – CK Civil
Engineering



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
June 18, 2024
Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.

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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 the agenda.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously
5. Approval of the May 21, 2024, City Council Minutes.
Misty Piazza motioned to approve the minutes.
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously
6. Financial Report
Reference the city website for detailed report.
7. Department Reports
 - A. Museum

Tontitown Historical Museum (THM) Report for the COW Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

The THM Board of Directors met in person on.

1. New Exhibits: The new Women of Tontitown: 1898-Present is now open, there will still be a few panels added through the summer as museum staff complete more profiles on the women we aim to highlight. The museum was blessed with many donations of photos and stories during the curation of the space as well as being able to move some larger artifacts to the off-site storage to make room for the Mary Maestri buffet that was in the entry way here at City Hall. We hope you can stop by to see this new exhibit and the rest of the museum. Museum staff aim to have a new exhibit once a year on a different theme that pertains to Tontitown.

2. Heritage Day was June 2nd 12- 2pm at the Arthur Penzo Pavilion in the Harry Sbanotto Park. We had an amazing turnout, so much so that we lost count! We know we served Red Door Pulled Pork to well over 100 people, with many preferring to enjoy some Tontitown Winery Grape ice cream and a Ranalli's Farm cookie. The museum had well over 85 visitors inside, and we got a lot of positive feedback on the new exhibit as well as general changes museum staff have been able to accomplish in the past year since last Heritage Day. We wanted to thank everyone who came out, it was great to see Larry, Danny and Mayor Angela with their families and friends.

3. Internship: Our summer intern, Anna Clair Davis, is focusing on the digitization of the museum collection. The museum recently purchased licensing for CatalogIT, a museum cataloging system that is easily searchable, accessible and eventually could be put online for researchers to access from home to see what our museum has to offer.

4. "Cries from the Cotton Field": An additional showing of the documentary will be June 29th at 6pm, in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, if you or someone you know missed seeing it May 8th this is the perfect opportunity to see it and enjoy some light refreshments while you see the film. We are requiring an RSVP to the museum staff via phone 479-361-9800 or email: museum@tontitownar.gov.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: May 2024

Calls for Service – 847

Accident Reports – 26

Warrants Served – 88

Warrants Outstanding - 1206

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,489,857.50

Training Hours (YTD) – 1,745

Citation Total - 237

Speeding Citations - 7 (Other)

Traffic Citations - 167 Criminal Citations – 25

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 38
Warning Total - 508 Speeding Warnings – 112
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 396

C. Fire

Fire Department Report May 2024
Total Calls: 38

EMS 20

FIRE 1

MVA 10

FALSE ALARM 6

SERVICE CALL 1

MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

May 2024: 202 calls for service

May 2023: 238 calls for service

Decrease of 36 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 12 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 38 seconds.

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 June 2024

Planning Commission CUP Mathias Warehouses – The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for office/warehouse usage on 4.20 acres. Address is Agnes and Albano Dr. Parcel #: 830-39936000, 830-39937-000, 830-39938-000 and 830-39939-000.

CUP STR Holdings, LLC – The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to build a concrete plant to supply concrete to the surrounding area. The property is located at 270 Musteen Rd on 4.82 acres. Parcel #: 830-37697-400.

Large-Scale Mathias Warehouses – The applicant is requesting Large-Scale Development to construct 4-19,066 sq ft buildings on 4.2 acres located on Agnes and

Albano Dr. Parcel #: 83039936-000, 830-39937-000, 830-39938-000 and 830-39939-000

Planning Department

1. Development Code Updates – Staff will be working with NWARP to complete the updates on the development codes.
2. Community Foundation – The 501C3 paperwork has finally been submitted.
3. Community Project Funding- Staff completed the application for the TAP grant to complete the sidewalk along Ardemagni, from Liberty to Baker. The City finally received approval from ARDOT to move forward in advertising for Engineering Services for the Barrington/Henri de Toni intersection improvements. Mayor Russell received confirmation this past week regarding the additional grant to construct the Klenc traffic signal.
4. Heritage District – Committee met last week with engineers to review proposed layout of the streets and design. The plan is scheduled to be complete at the end of the month.
5. Street Maintenance Plan – Staff is waiting on the final plan to complete the street work for 2024 as outline in the maintenance plan. Street crew is preparing to complete bridge repair on Reed Valley Road. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.
6. Park – Staff will be working on an Arkansas Outdoor Grant for the new Splash Pad in the park. Deadline is August 30th.

8. Comments from Citizens-

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Keep an eye on your Waste Management bill, the yellow bag program and the free service on Dowell Rd.
2. FYI Only-Have had no response from ADEQ for the Seta Report that was requested by FOIA.
3. Concerned with the emergency response with the vapors coming from Waste Management. The tubes are out of date for the test monitor that the city purchased, and we now know what the problems are and thinks someone needs to be trained to use this tester and be available when citizens call.

The mayor said she has been contact with Waste Management and they got a new computer system and they will credit those accounts.

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

Mike Waskowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

- A. An approval of an Ordinance to repeal section 30.53 Building Official and section 30.54 Administrative Assistant of the Tontitown Municipal Code – Angie

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Mike Waskowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. An approval of a Resolution approving a conditional use permit for the Palecero Development- Angie/Mark

Applicant withdrew the application.

No vote needed

- C. An approval of a Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and enter into a land development agreement and guarantee with GSPNWA, Inc for the construction of the Barrington Subdivision - Angie/Mark

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. An approval of an Ordinance to amend section 155.01: Fees of the Tontitown Municipal Code, declaring an emergency - Angie/Mark

Mike Waskowiak motioned to approve.
Second by Daniel Montez

Daniel Montez Voted- 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

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. A discussion of Bond Refinancing Results -Angie/Mark

Discussion only- Reference YouTube or city website.

- F. An approval of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2023-11-1085 Granting Black Hills Energy the right to construct, maintain, and operate a natural gas system, and to lay Gas Mains- Angie

Amber Ibarra motioned to amend to a 1 percent for Industrial.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the Ordinance.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.
Second by Mike Waskowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. An approval of a Resolution authorizing reduction of impact fees- Angie

Mike Waskowiak motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Daniel Montez Voted- NO
Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Misty Piazza Voted- YES
Mike Waskowiak Voted- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- ABATAINED

1 Vote- NO to 4 Votes- YES with 1 Vote- ABSTAINED
Motion Passes

- H. An approval of a Resolution designating and authorizing the mayor and the manager of the water system to execute certain documents in connection with funding administered by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission- Angie

Tim Burress motioned to approve.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Alderman

Tim Burress, Mike Waskowiak, and Larry Ardemagni

1. Appreciated all who were involved in tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked all city departments.
3. Proud to be a part of this council.

Amber Ibarra

1. Appreciates Chief Krug.
2. CPR classes will possibly be available in the fall, more information to come.

Misty Piazza

1. Have made several trips delivering donations to the City of Decatur and we are continuing to accept donations, they still need toiletries, toothpaste/brushes, hygiene products, towels, anything you use they need.
2. Attended the Municipal League Conference and it was very informative.
3. Please attend and support the Farmers Market.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanks for coming out tonight.
2. Have a great week.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. If you were billed for your yellow bag service, please disregard it or you can bring your bill to the mayor, and she will contact Waste Management.
2. The City of Tontitown will be closed Wednesday June 19th.

14. Comments from City Attorney- None

15. **Adjournment**- All in Favor