

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
July 16, 2024
Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 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

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the agenda and remove Item 11C (Was added to the wrong agenda).

Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the June 18, 2024, City Council Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

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, July 1, 2024.

The THM Board of Directors met in person on.

1. **New Gift Shop:** Bill Gaiche donated his time and materials to build THM a new display shelf that will function as our gift shop. THM Board is looking into other gift shop items, including DVDs of “Cries from the Cotton Field”.

2. **Advertisement:** THM Board spent time at the meeting discussing new rack cards and brochures, we had three local businesses quote and chose ARcom Plus. These items will go out to other area museums, visitor centers and local Tontitown businesses to advertise the museum.

3. **Cataloging:** Our Museum Assistant, Juli Sallings and summer intern, Anna Clair Davis, have been working on adding our archives and collection into CatalogIT. Juli has taken on the task of moving our old logs from FilemakerPro to CatalogIT. Anna has also started working with the physical collection with Museum Manager Emily, to learn how to assess each artifact, measure and handle these delicate pieces of history.

4. **“Cries From the Cotton Field”:** Emily and Juli hosted the showing, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Parish Hall on June 29th, we had 120 guests watch the film. It was a great evening with popcorn, snacks and watching the story of Father Pietro Bandini and the Italians he led.

NOTE: Emily wrote her first grant and it was accepted.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm.

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 9th. Note there is no meeting in August due to the Tontitown Grape Festival.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report for Month: June 2024

Calls for Service- 857
Accidents Report- 21
Warrants Served- 95
Warrants Outstanding- 1240
Warrants Amount- \$1,561,062.50

Training Hours (YTD)- 1753

Citation Total- 219
Speeding Citations- 11
(Other) Traffic Citations- 138
Criminal Citations- 28
Improper Driving (City Ordinance)- 42

Warning Total- 519
Speeding Warnings- 179
(Other) Traffic Warnings- 340

C. Fire

Fire Department Report June 2024

Total Calls: 45

EMS 23

FIRE 5

MVA 6

FALSE ALARM 6

SERVICE CALL 5

MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

June 2024: 247 calls for service

June 2023: 287 calls for service

Decrease of 40 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 09 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 49 seconds.

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for detailed report.

E. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

F. Community Development

July Planning Commission

- **Verizon Cell Tower LSD – Applicant is requesting Large–Scale Development located at 1853 W Henri De Tonti Blvd. The property is zoned C-2 (General Commercial), containing 7.59 acres. The request is for a telecommunications facility. Parcel #830-37879-200.**

- **Verizon Cell Tower CUP – Applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit located at 1853 W Henri De Tonti Blvd. The property is zoned C-2 (General Commercial), containing 7.59 acres. The request is for a telecommunications facility. Parcel #830-37879-200.**

- **Taldo Rentals LSD – Applicant is requesting Large–Scale Development located at the corner of Barrington Street and Bandini Street. The property is zoned C-T (Commercial Trades and Services), located on 1.56 acres. This request is for a proposed 19,635 sq ft. ancillary warehouse. Parcel #: 830-37553-000 thru 830-37557-000.**

- **Taldo Rentals Waiver – Applicant is requesting a waiver from chapter 152.151 “Design Standards for LSD” Building Materials.**

- **Mathias Shopping Centers, Inc. Waiver – Applicant is requesting a waiver from chapter 152.151 “Design Standards” Building Materials.**

Community Development Department

1. **Community Project Funding- Friday was the deadline for SOQ for Engineering on the for the Barrington/Henri de Toni intersection improvements. Ardot is scheduled to open bid on the Klenc traffic light at the end of the month. Staff sent a request for a grant to the Street Aid Committee to overlay North Barrington.**

2. Heritage District – Committee met last week with engineers to review the final design for the Heritage District. The plan will be presented to the Council at the COW in August. The 612/412 has a schematic design for approximately 100 ac. for commercial development. A design overlay has been completed for the area and a letter was sent to Ardot for traffic study for a potential traffic signal at Fiori.

3. Street Maintenance Plan – Street crew is preparing to complete bridge repair on Reed Valley Road.

4. Park – Staff are working on an Arkansas Outdoor Grant for the new Splash Pad in the park. Deadline is August 30th. The Council will consider a resolution in support of the grant at the next COW meeting.

8. Comments from Citizens

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Wanted everyone to be aware of the continued issues with Waste Management and reminded the council of the chemicals that were found, and the effects of those chemicals have on the community.

Mark Calcagni 12642 Arbor Acres Rd., Tontitown, AR

1. Thanked the Police and Fire.
2. Thanked the council.
3. Agrees with Kenneth Lovett.
4. Would like to see an Ordinance passed for Air and Water, Asked if the City Attorney could help with that or maybe the Environmental Attorney the city hired.

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

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.

Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

- A. An approval of an Ordinance to approve Mathias Conditional Use Permit- Angie/Mark

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. Final Quarterly Reports and Balance Scorecards for Council Reports-Angie/Mark

Mark Latham presented the reports to the council and discussed the reports in detail on how they function.

Reference YouTube for detailed discussion.

- C. An approval of an Ordinance to amend Ch 51: Water Service of the Tontitown Municipal Code- Angie/James

This Item was removed from tonight's agenda and will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- D. An approval of an Ordinance to approve Final Plats- Angie

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. An introduction of an Ordinance amending Section 52.115- Angie/James

The council is to review and will discuss more at a later time.

- F. An approval of a Resolution for the Fire Department to purchase an ATV-Angie/Ryan

Before tonight's meeting the original ATV on the resolution has been sold so, Fire Chief Krug notified the council that a different ATV was to be presented at the council meeting for approval.

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the ATV purchase for \$25,555.66, SK#800155.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

- G. An approval of an Ordinance- the finalization of bond refinancing- Angie/Mark

Refinancing of Bonds for the below improvements and if approved it will be filed with the Washington County Clerk's Office to be added to the November Ballot.

\$7,100,000.00 to Police Improvements
\$7,100,000.00 to Street Improvements
\$5,500,000.00 to Water Improvements
\$1,100,000.00 to Park and Recreational

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Alderman

Daniel Montez

1. Congratulations to the museum on their Grant that was great news to hear, look forward to uh you know those new shelving units.

2. Thanked everybody for doing their part filling up the collection boxes.

Misty Piazza

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Save the Date- September 14th, Bocce Tournament, Pickleball and Car Show Event- Signups start August 1st.
3. Will be collecting school supplies for the Rollins School of Innovations until the end of August.
4. August 6-10 is the Grape Festival and car tickets are on sale now.

Amber Ibarra

1. Appreciates Chief Krug for contacting the council with the update information.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Emily has brought a new meaning to providing information for the museum, she's very enthusiastic and I appreciate that.
2. Thanked Kenneth Lovett and Mark Calcagni for their continued efforts regarding the Landfill and hopefully we'll get this figured out.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked Mr. Faught and Mr. Bowman, and Fire Chief Krug.
2. Landfill needs to be put on the Committee of the Whole Agenda.
3. Happy Birthday to Larry Ardemagni.
4. Enjoys serving with these council members and the mayor.

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked Emily for the grant writing.
2. Thanked Kevin Faught and Ryan Bowman for attending and providing the Bond information.
3. Thanked Kenneth Lovett and Mark Calcagni for their continued efforts regarding the Landfill.
4. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Mayor wanted to thank Rhonda Ardemagni (Clerk/Treasure) for all her hard work and let her know how much she is appreciated.
2. Reminder the Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on Monday August 5th @ 6:00 PM, due to the Grape Festival.

14. Comments from City Attorney- NONE

15. **Adjournment**- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2024.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

**Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)**

