

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 August 20, 2024

### Minutes

**A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, prior to the City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall**

**The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.**

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.

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### **Public Hearing**

The public hearing will be held for the purpose of hearing public comments about a proposed increase in the Tontitown Sewer Rates.

James Clark presented the proposed increase rates.  
No comments from the public.

Reference the city website for detailed information.

### **City Council**

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Roll Call  
All in attendance
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda  
Amber Ibarra motioned to approve the agenda.  
Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the July 16, 2024, City Council Minutes  
Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the minutes.  
Second by Misty Piazza

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, August 20, 2024.

The THM Board of Directors did not meet in August due to the Grape Festival

1. Grant Updates: The HumanitiesAR Council resource grant money came in late June and THM was able to order all the items on our quote from Gaylord Archival, these items included: 4 new high-gauge steel shelving units (2 at THM and 2 at UStorage), 2 new archival boxes for dresses, 2 new archival boxes for vestments or other large items, 3 photo album boxes, page and photo protector sheets for album boxes. This project is 90% complete with new shelves up at THM, dress boxes are full and one photo album box is complete. As we catalog and take inventory of the collection the rest of the boxes will be filled and the storage unit shelves will be installed.
2. Heritage School: THM was invited to participate with Washington County Historical Society's Heritage School. This program is geared towards students who wish to learn hands-on about the heritage of this area, it is a week-long program offered twice (one for younger students and the second for older students). THM's Emily and Juli attended each week teaching students about the heritage of Tontitown: Grapes, Grains and Polenta. Students were taught how to play bocce and played several games, as well as how to make Polenta. The groups both weeks enjoyed polenta and a light umedo sauce for lunch along with hand cranked ice cream and homemade cobbler.
3. Visitors: For the month of July THM saw 43 visitors. During our extended hours for the week of the Grape Festival THM saw 166 visitors.
4. Social Media: Juli took some time during July to film the pasta making process over at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. This video along with a reel from Heritage School were a huge success on our social media! Along with planned throwbacks to Grape Festivals of years past have seen a major uptick in our social media presence!
5. Grape Festival: THM was busy during the preparations of the 125th Grape Festival, we hosted one news crew and a couple bloggers who wanted to know more about the history of the town as well as the history of the Grape Festival.

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

The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>

## Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report

Month: July 2024

Calls for Service – 1201

Accident Reports – 17

Warrants Served – 85

Warrants Outstanding - 1305

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,660,640.50

Training Hours (YTD) – 1754

Citation Total - 243

Speeding Citations - 14

(Other) Traffic Citations - 139

Criminal Citations – 25

Improper Driving (City Ordinance) – 65

Warning Total - 864

Speeding Warnings – 431

(Other) Traffic Warnings – 433

#### B. Fire

Fire Department Report July 2024

Total Calls: 39

EMS 19

FIRE 3

MVA 6

FALSE ALARM 8

SERVICE CALL 3

MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

July 2024: 286 calls for service

June 2023: 346 calls for service

Decrease of 60 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 21 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 3 minutes 37 seconds.

#### C. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for detailed report.

#### D. Building Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

#### E. Community Development

August Planning Agenda:

- Variance Request – Applicant is requesting a variance located at 664 Malbec Rd. This property is zoned R-3 (Residential), located on .29 acres. The request is for setbacks requirements.
- CPS of NWA LSD Extension – Applicant is requesting an extension to the LSD application that

was approved on July 25, 2023, by the Tontitown Planning Commission.

- Conditional Use Permit – Applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for property located at 1026 W. Morsani Ave. Currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial) and contains 2.76 acres. The request is for a primary residence. Parcel #: 830-37717-000.
- Variance Tontitown Winery – Applicant is requesting a variance located at 335 S Barrington Rd. The property is zoned C-2 (General Commercial), located on 1.43 acres. The request is for building setbacks requirements.

### **Community Development Department**

1. Community Project Funding- City received 6 SOI for Engineering on the for the Barrington/Henri de Toni intersection improvements. A committee selected 3 firms to submit SOQ and staff will be setting up interviews with the 3 Firms. Public safety, Public Works, and Community Development held a meeting with Smart Grants to identify the capital needs now and in the future. Smart Grants will identify grants to apply for on the capital needs.
  2. Heritage District – Committee is planning to meet later this month to review the final design for the Heritage District. The plan will be presented to the Council soon. The 612/412 has a schematic design for approximately 100 ac. for commercial development.
  3. Street Maintenance Plan – 2024 street repair is out for bid. Bid opening scheduled for August 22nd. Street crew completed the 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.
  5. Bond Issue – U of A extension office will be providing the Marketing Flyer for the Bond Issue.
  6. Budget Calendar- It is time to start the budget process with Departments. Staff will be working on establishing goals, personnel changes, and capital/fixed assets.
8. Comments from Citizens

Rhonda Doudna 462 Pozza Lane, Tontitown, AR

1. Said as a citizen she witnessed the rude treatment by council member (Tim Burress), of a guest, Mr. Scott Borman, who is the manager for the Benton/Washington Regional Public Authority who spoke at the August 5<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the benefits of having an ordinance in place for water conservation. And the disregard to the people who put in long hours at their day jobs and then have to set through an unnecessary lengthy meeting. This behavior needs to stop, do your homework and your job and be respectful towards others.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd. Fayetteville, AR

1. Waste Management PC & commission meeting was supposed to be this Friday August 23rd, they have canceled it because they don't have no business to take care of, they say it is going to be again on Friday September the 27th at 10:00 a.m. unless they cancel it so

if you have time to go, we're not on agenda but there's always public speaking.

2. Bailey Taylor is taking Caleb Osborne's place.
3. There's been some rumors going around on Facebook that are incorrect, it's my understanding that the refinancing does not include any new taxes, well the story that's going around is all this money sitting here and you're asking for refinancing and more taxes, so I just want to make that clear there are no new taxes. (correct)

2. 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

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

- a. An approval of a resolution authorizing the mayor to apply for a 50/50 matching grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism-Angie/Mark

Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- b. An approval of a Resolution for the Police Department to purchase rifles-Corey

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- c. An approval of a Resolution for the Police Department to purchase drones-Corey

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- d. An approval of an Ordinance to approve final plats-Angie/Brad

Daniel Montez motioned to Table to the next City Council Meeting.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- e. An approval of an Ordinance amending section 52.115-James

Misty Piazza motioned to approve.  
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

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

Motion Passes Unanimously

#### 5. Comments from Alderman

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked those who attended the Grape Festival.
2. Congratulations to the four unopposed council members, looks like Mr. Burress and I will have some competition this fall. He doesn't take it personal it's just how Democracy works, and his goal is to avoid a runoff.
3. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Tim Burress

1. Very thankful for the council we have.
2. Addressed some of the comments made by a citizen earlier in the meeting.
3. He has three opponents, and he too would like to avoid a runoff.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. After our discussion on a Conservation Ordinance the City of Fayetteville had to enact their ordinance on some people that watered regardless of the water pressure. Then last week Springdale was talking about doing bonds to do a road and a tower Water Tower so folks it's just what it is.

Amber Ibarra

1. Thankful to be serving another two years.

Misty Piazza

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2. Had some great feedback on the splash pad.
3. September 14<sup>th</sup>, Fall Family Fun Day is coming up, sponsors are needed.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Thankful to be serving another two years.
3. Best of luck to Mike and Tim.
4. Get out and vote.

#### 6. Comments from Mayor.

1. Thanked everyone for attending and spoke at tonight's meeting
2. Appreciates the council.

#### 7. Comment from Attorney- NONE

8. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer  
(SEAL)

