

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 September 17, 2024 Minutes

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.

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City Council

1. Meeting Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Amber Ibarra was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the agenda.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of the August 20, 2024, City Council Minutes & September 3, 2024, Special City Council Minutes

Tim Burress motioned to approve both minutes.

Second by Daniel Montez

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, September 17, 2024.

The THM Board of Directors met September 9th, for an off-site meeting.

1. **Off-Site Meeting:** THM Board and staff met at Rogers Historical Museum to view the Alcohol in the Ozarks exhibit which THM took part in providing artifacts and stories of winemaking in Tontitown, before, during and after Prohibition. After viewing the exhibit we went to have dinner and have our regular board meeting.

2. **Call for More Board Members:** Interest in THM has increased over the last year and last week Museum Manager Emily put out a post calling for new board members to help fill in some of our talent that we are missing from the board. That post received 8 potential board members reaching out interested in joining. The board will meet with all potential members in October and make a decision on who to accept, due to bylaws the board can only have up to 15 voting members. We are looking to add more Junior Board Members to the board, Jr. members should be at least 16 years old, and their time on the board does count for volunteer hours (meetings and events), if you know a student interested in history and Tontitown please send them our way!

3. **Digitization Project:** Juli and Emily are working through the collection each day to photograph, measure and conduct condition reports of artifacts, as well as transcribing historical documents for ease of reading for researchers and visitors. This project will take months to complete what is currently in the THM collection and will be on-going as new accessions are made. 4. **Visitors:** For August THM welcomed over 200 visitors between the Grape Festival week and regular business hours.

5. **“Cries from the Cotton Field”:** The film “Cries from the Cotton Field” has increased visitors to Tontitown and interest and will continue to do so as it has been optioned for streaming on the free app Tubi it will be available this month; and we just learned that HULU and Amazon have also picked up the film for their streaming services. THM was also granted permission by Dr. Foley to produce DVDs of the film which will be available later this month. We plan to offer this in-house until closer to Black Friday and then it will go live on our online gift shop for nation-wide sales.

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

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: August 2024

Calls for Service – 748
Accident Reports – 15
Warrants Served – 69
Warrants Outstanding – 1287
Warrants Amount - \$ 1,615,150.00
Training Hours (YTD) – 1860
Citation Total - 195
Speeding Citations - 8
(Other) Traffic Citations - 91
Criminal Citations – 57
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) – 39
Warning Total - 456
Speeding Warnings – 161
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 295

C. Fire

Fire Department Report AUGUST 2024

Total Calls: 81
EMS 54
FIRE 1
MVA 11
FALSE ALARM 12
SERVICE CALL 3
MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown-

August 2024: 367 calls for service
Decrease of 95 calls to date over 2023

August 2023: 462 calls for service

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 58 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 2 minutes 33 seconds

D. Public Works/Engineering

Reference the city website for a detailed report.

E. Building Report

Reference the city website for a detailed report.

F. Community Development

September Planning Agenda:

- **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. (Tabled at August Meeting)**

Community Development Department

1. Community Project Funding- A committee selected 3 firms to submit SOQ for the 412/Barrington traffic improvements. The Committee met this past week and selected the engineering firm. Next step will be setting up an engineering contract. The city received the draft of Comprehensive Grant Study from Simple Grants. Simple Grants identified the capital needs now and in the future. Simple Grants have already identified 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 – Staff are setting up a meeting with contractor on starting date for the 2024 street repair.

4. Park – The Arkansas Outdoor Grant for the new Splash Pad was submitted on August 29th. I assume it will take a few weeks to find out if we made it to the second round for interviews.

5. Bond Issue – U of A extension office will be providing the Marketing Flyer for the Bond Issue.

6. Budget Calendar- Department Heads will turn in their goals, personnel changes, and capital/fixed assets this Friday. The Mayor, Pat and I, are scheduled to meet with Department Heads the week of September 23rd.

8. Comments from Citizens

Rhonda Doudna 462 Pozza Lane, Tontitown, AR

1. Thanked everyone who helped make this year's Family Fun Day a success.
2. Halloween in the Park is coming up in October, need money, candy, and volunteers.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. The N.W.A. Tack Meeting is being on 9/19/24 at 10:30 AM.
2. Appreciates Mike and Tim.
3. Waste Management trucks are in violation of the noise ordinance, so he filed a complaint and thinks the regulations need attention.
4. Air quality issues continue with Waste Management.

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

No Ordinances

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

- A. An approval of a Resolution to contract with CK Engineering for the design and construction of Fletcher-Mark/James

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. An approval of a Resolution to approve final plats-Brad

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

- C. An appeal on the Planning Commission's decision of a CUP and LSD for a Verizon Cell Tower-Brad

The applicant has amended the location of the structure 600 feet north of the original location and all parties are now satisfied.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the C.U.P. as amended with conditions.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Alderman

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Lot of traffic at the Family Fun Day.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked everyone for attending and speaking at tonight's meeting.
2. Need answers from ADEQ.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Appreciates all the efforts that went into the Family Fun Day.

Misty Piazza

1. Thanked everyone for attending and speaking at tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked all the sponsors for the Family Fun Day and thanked everyone who helped make it a success.
3. Congratulated Roger Pinalto and Colby this Years Bocce Tournament winners.
4. Halloween in the Park- need donations and volunteers.
5. Shop with a Cop will be here soon.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending and speaking at tonight's meeting.
2. Looking forward to Halloween in the Park.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Thanked all those who donated to the Family Fun Day.
2. The city needs donations and volunteers for Halloween in the Park.
3. Thanked Scott, Fernando, and Austin for all their help making the park look beautiful.
4. The Noise Ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Brad Spurlock will post a video of the event and will post it on the City of Tontitown's Facebook page.

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)