

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
November 19, 2024
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 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- Daniel Montez attended by phone
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of October 17, 2024, City Council Minutes

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve the minutes.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

The THM Board of Directors did not meet in November due to Polenta Smear on November 3rd.

1. November 3rd THM Polenta Smear: The THM Polenta Smear and Taste of Tontitown was on November 3rd from 11:00-1:30pm, we were happy to see so many familiar faces and many new at the event. The rough count that we have is 200+ we had almost a dozen student and adult volunteers helping in the kitchen and cleaning, along with all our board members and 3 potential board members. We partnered with Brittany Berry, EAST Teacher at Helen Tyson, to create a photo booth for visitors, and Dr. Rebecca Howard presented on Agriculture in Tontitown 1898-Present. The museum staff brought a handful of artifacts for guests to view and a blank map of Tontitown that we asked guests to put a pin on the map of historic businesses, homes and farms from throughout Tontitown history. I wanted to thank every business that sponsored food or door prizes, it was a great afternoon hearing stories and reconnecting with family and friends!

2. Digitization Project: Museum Assistant Juli has been working diligently on this project and we are currently at 595 entries into CatalogIT. There was a slow down in data entry as staff prepared for Halloween in the Park and the 22nd Annual Polenta Smear.

3. Visitors: October Visitors was 45. Museum Manager Emily met with the Italian Studies students for a podcast, as well as three other University of Arkansas students on other projects featuring Tontitown for their coursework.

4. "Cries from the Cotton Field": The film continues to be featured at film festivals throughout the country, coming up is the New York International Film Festival, date TBD. Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 2nd.

B. Police

Month: October 2024
Calls for Service – 920

Accident Reports – 18

Warrants Served – 80
Warrants Outstanding - 1322
Warrants Amount - \$ 1,655,477.75

Training Hours (YTD) – 3194

Citation Total - 178
Speeding Citations - 10
(Other) Traffic Citations - 102
Criminal Citations – 18
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) – 48

Warning Total - 583
Speeding Warnings – 161
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 422

C. Fire

OCTOBER 2024

Total Calls: 40
EMS 19
FIRE 4
MVA 4
FALSE ALARM 11
SERVICE CALL 2
MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

October 2024: 450 calls for service
Decrease of 112 calls to date over 2023

October 2023: 562 calls for service

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 58 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 27 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

November Planning Agenda:

- Variance Romano Ave – Applicant is requesting a variance located at 408 Romano Ave. The property is zoned R-3 (Residential) on .25 acres. Parcel #: 830-38715-000.
- Casalini Phase 2 Rezone – Applicant is requesting a rezone of property located at 992 E. Henri De Tonti Blvd. Applicant is requesting zoning from C-2 (General Commercial) to C-T (Commercial Trades and Services) and is on .77 acres. Parcel #'s: 830-37575-000 & 830-37578-000.

- Amalfi Large-Scale Development – Applicant is requesting a large-scale development located at S Barrington and E Fletcher Ave. The property parcel is zoned C-2 (General Commercial) on 38.7 acres. Parcel #: 830-37664-000.

- Amalfi LSD Waiver- Applicant is requesting a waiver of Tontitown’s Municipal Code 153.214- Residential Compatibility Standards. The property is located at S Barrington and E Fletcher Ave. The property parcel is zoned C-2 (General Commercial) on 38.7 acres. Parcel #: 830-37664.000.

- Discussion per Commissioners request – A discussion of Tontitown’s Municipal Code 153.080 District Regulations (G) – R-3L (Single Family Residential)

Community Development Department-

Daniel Montez arrived in person.

1. Planning

- Completion of Development Codes (Discussion at Planning Commission)

2. Street and Stormwater

- 412 and Barrington
- Street Maintenance Work
- Bridge Repair
- Two majority stormwater projects (South Pianalto and South Barrington)

3. Budget 2025

4. Grants

5. Salary Administration Guide

6. Bond Issue

8. Comments from Citizens

Rhonda Doudna 462 Pozza Lane., Tontitown, AR

1. Thanks to all who helped with the Halloween in the Park.

Kenneth Lovett 18702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Congratulations to Tim and Mike.
2. Attended the Legislative Audit Review of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality a few weeks ago and they couldn’t answer questions, and they keep moving projects around, and funds could not be accounted for. So, the budget is flagged for now.
3. Need to hire an attorney and if the community wants to contribute that would be fine.

4. Mr. Lovett gave his opinion about several local people that like to cause trouble in Tontitown. (Reference YouTube for his detailed opinion).

Brad Bruns 861 Vernon, Tontitown, AR (Washington County Justice of Peace District 1)

1. Thanked the community for all their support and is very proud.

Josh Craine 2846 Gray Dr., Tontitown, AR (Tontitown Planning Commission)

1. Spoke on the Renley Rae Subdivision density and addressed the variance issue.

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

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business: NONE

11. New Business:

- A. A Resolution approving the bid and contract for the 412-612 Sewer Extension Project

Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. An approval of updating the landscape code

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Resolution as written with one correction the .03 acres, square footage from 870 to 1307.

Second by Tim Burress

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Waskowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- NO

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

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

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

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

C. Approval of the 2025 Budget

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the 2025 Budget.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Alderman

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Congratulated Brad Bruns on his election win.

Misty Piazza

1. Congratulated Brad Bruns on his election win.
2. Have a Happy and safe holiday.

Amber Ibarra

1. Congratulated Brad Bruns on his election win.
2. Thanked Mark and Brad for their help.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Congratulated Brad Bruns on his election win.
2. Appreciates everyone and comments from the citizens.

Tim Burress

1. Congratulated Brad Bruns on his election win.
2. Appreciate what the Planning Commission is doing.
3. Apologized to Mrs. Smith for speaking poorly at the last meeting.
4. Be safe on the roads during the holiday.

Mike Washkowiak

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked all involved for their hard work on the budget.
3. Spoke about the Renley Rae Subdivision density for R3 and may need clarification from city attorney.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Congratulations to Tim and Mike.
2. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
3. Have a Happy and safe holiday.

14. Comments from City Attorney-

1. Happy Holiday's.
2. Will stay after the meeting to discuss parcel density.

15. **Adjournment**- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2024.

APPROVED: _____
Angela Russell, Mayor

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