

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
December 17, 2024
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 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
Mike Washkowiak was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the agenda.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of November 19, 2024, City Council Minutes.

Tim Burress motioned to approve the minutes.
Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

Approval of December 5, 2024, Special City Council Minutes.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Special Meeting minutes.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. **Public Hearing- Water/Wastewater Impact Fees- James Clark**

Mike Washkowiak arrived.

Mark Calcagni

1. Agrees to the 100 percent.
2. Merry Christmas.

Terry Williams

1. New development should pay.

Adjourned

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

The THM Board of Directors met December 2, 2024, at City Hall.

1. Returned Artifacts to THM: Rogers Historical Museum wrapped up their “Alcohol in the Ozarks” exhibit in mid-November and returned all the artifacts that were loaned from THM. Staff are working through the Agricultural Room to photograph and catalog each artifact in that room, as well as taking some artifacts off display. Items taken off display include the sports artifacts and items we have multiples of. Museum Manager Emily is working to write up stories that better illustrate why these artifacts are important to Tontitown history as well as more photos of these tools in use. If you or anyone you know have photos of your family working the farm, we would love to have those scanned into the collection for use in exhibits and education.

2. Digitization Project: Museum Assistant Juli has been working diligently on this project and we are currently at 683 entries into CatalogIT.

3. Visitors: November Visitors: 24. We are in the slow down of the museum season, the cold months tend to see an ebb and flow of the visitor count. We are hoping to see a rise around Christmas with people in town to celebrate the holidays.

4. Board Members: THM Board is currently reviewing the applications of 4 potential board members, they are still determining how many of the candidates will be voted to join the board. We are excited to see what 2025 will bring for the museum, with new board members we hope to tackle expansion issues, education and additions of technology into the museum exhibits

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

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: November 2024

Calls for Service – 920

Accident Reports – 21

Warrants Served – 72

Warrants Outstanding - 1343

Warrants Amount - \$ 1,666,919.71

Training Hours (YTD) – 3426

Citation Total - 167
Speeding Citations – 7
(Other) Traffic Citations - 87
Criminal Citations – 17
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 56
Warning Total – 466
Speeding Warnings – 109 (Other)
Traffic Warnings – 357

C. Fire

Fire Department Report NOVEMBER 2024

Total Calls: 44

**EMS 22
FIRE 5
MVA 7
FALSE ALARM 9
SERVICE CALL 1
MUTUAL AID 0**

Calls within city limits of Tontitown

November 2024: 494 calls for service

November 2023: 607 calls for service

Decrease of 113 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 25 seconds.

Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 20 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

December Planning Agenda:

Community Development Department

**1. Planning • Completion of Development Codes (Discussion at Planning Commission in January)
2. Street and Stormwater • 412 and Barrington (Approved Final Contract Approval from ARDOT) •
Street Maintenance Work (Crew started on Barrington) • Meeting w/Ozark Electric on Wildcat
Extension. • Plans for Fletcher are 30% complete.**

3. Grants (Working on RAISED grant for submittal in January and FEMA for Fire truck this month)

9. Comments from Citizens- None

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

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.

Second by Mike Washkowiak

Motion Passes Unanimously

11. Old Business:

- A. An approval of amending Ordinance No. 2023-09-1074 in order to adjust the water and wastewater impact fees

Mike Washkowiak motioned to approve.

Second by Larry Ardemagni

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- NO

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve the Emergency Clause.

Second by Daniel Montez

Daniel Montez Voted- YES

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burress Voted- YES

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- NO

5 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO

Motion Passes

12. New Business:

- A. An approval of a Resolution to waive competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of one 2025 Ford Explorer vehicle for the Tontitown Police Department

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.

Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

- B. An approval of a Resolution authorizing the city of Tontitown to execute a land developer guarantee with Renley Rae Subdivision

Mike Waskowiak motioned to move forward with the resolution and to correct the resolution from 95 to 91 buildable lots.

Secon by Amber Ibarra

Daniel Montez Voted- Abstained

Larry Ardemagni Voted- YES

Tim Burrese Voted- NO

Misty Piazza Voted- YES

Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES

Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

4 Votes- YES to 1 Vote- NO to 1 Vote- Abstained

Motion Passes

- C. An approval of a Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Tontitown to utilize state aid street monies for the Tontitown Resurfacing Project

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Tim Burrese

Motion Passes Unanimously

- D. An Approval of a Resolution adopting a Salary Administration procedure guide.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to approve.

Second by Daniel Montez

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. An Approval of a Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Burns & Mcdonnell Engineering company, LLC for the HWY 412 and Barrington Road Intersection improvements project.

Larry Ardemagni motioned to accept and to correct the company name from LLC to INC.

Second by Tim Burrese

Motion Passes Unanimously

- F. Approval of a Resolution waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the purchase of sixteen LIFEPAK 35 Storage bag kits and related equipment for the Fire Department

Tim Burress motioned to approve and to make the correction of Life Pac from 16 to 1.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

13. Comments from Alderman

All the council

1. Thanked everyone for attending and speaking at tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked all city employees.
3. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike Waskowiak added

1. Suggested to the council that they attend the Planning Tech. Meeting; they are very educational.

Misty Piazza added

1. The Farmers Market that was held in the council chambers last weekend was a success.

14. Comments from Mayor

1. She attended the EPA Conference in Washington where she obtained some new contacts to help with the air issues.
2. She received a letter stating she has been added to a committee that will represent First Class Cities in Arkansas.
3. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
4. Merry Christmas.

15. Comments from City Attorney

1. Merry Christmas

16. Adjournment- All in Favor

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2024.

APPROVED: _____

Angela Russell, Mayor

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