

Of 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
January 21, 2025
Minutes**

The Tontitown City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Tontitown City Hall.

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Reappointing- Oaths

The mayor swore in the 2024 elected city officials.

State of the City-Mayor

The mayor gave the State of the City Address, she thanked the city employees and heads of departments for their hard work and dedication. The mayor also spoke of the accomplishment of the city projects and future projects.

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 Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

5. Approval of December 17, 2024, City Council Minutes
Approval of December 19, 2024, Training Minutes

Tim Burress's name was misspelled, and correction is needed.

Tim Bures motioned to approve the minutes with correction.
Second by Larry Ardemagni

Motion Passes Unanimously

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the Training Minutes.
Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

6. Financial Report

Reference the city website for detailed report.

7. Department Reports

A. Museum

The THM Board of Directors met on January 13, 2025, at City Hall.

1. Agriculture Room: The Agriculture Room has been photographed, inventoried, and condition reports made on every item. The room has new signage that helps visitors know what is on display, what donor collection they belong to and the artifact number in case someone wishes to view it later when it is off display. All signage is removable from the walls making it easier for those with poor eyesight.

2. Digitization Project: Juli has completed the transfer of all catalog items from FileMaker Pro to CatalogIT and has begun to go through boxes to digitize and inventory.

3. Visitors: December numbers were 12.

4. Don Tyson School of Innovation Volunteers: THM will be working with the Just Serve Club at Don Tyson School of Innovation to get our Amici Renewal drive kicked off at the end of the month. We look forward to working with these students and hopefully will be able to build a longstanding relationship with the club for future needs around the museum.

5. Officers: The board voted to keep all officers in their positions for another year.

6. Board Members: THM Board has extended invitations to four potential board members, who will meet at the next meeting on February 3rd for a final vote of approval then appear here next month for approval from the City Council.

Regular Museum Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday & Saturday 1pm-4pm The next THM Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 3rd.

B. Police

Tontitown Police Monthly Report Month: December 2024

Calls for Service – 822
Accident Reports – 26
Warrants Served – 81
Warrants Outstanding - 1312
Warrants Amount - \$ 1,621,746.41

Training Hours (YTD) – 4411

Citation Total - 187
Speeding Citations – 3
(Other) Traffic Citations - 97
Criminal Citations – 17
Improper Driving (City Ordinance) - 70

Warning Total – 496
Speeding Warnings – 163
(Other) Traffic Warnings – 333

C. Fire

Fire Department Report DECEMBER 2024

Total Calls: 47
EMS 25
FIRE 3
MVA 10
FALSE ALARM 6
SERVICE CALL 3
MUTUAL AID 0

Calls within city limits of Tontitown
December 2024: 541 calls for service December 2023: 652 calls for service

Decrease of 111 calls to date over 2023

Average response time (Alarm to en route) listed at: 1 minute 11 seconds.
Average on scene/arrival time (Alarm to on scene): 4 minutes 47 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

January Council Report:

Community Development Department

- Planning

Preliminary Plat for Willow Trace (still questionable) -14th deadline.

Variance 1702 Kissinger

Extension Letter LSaw Center on Maestri

Discussion of Zoning Code R-3L and calculating lot per plat

Heritage District Design standards and 612/412 Design standards introduction.

Meeting with NWARPC on January 30 @ 12:30pm – City Hall.

- Street and Stormwater

412 and Barrington (ARDOT approval on Engineering Contract)

2024 Street Maintenance Work 95% completed

Plans for Fletcher are 30% complete. Next Step ROW Acquisition.

Advertisement for SOQ for Community Building are due January 31st.

Seeking out survey crew to complete a survey of the park area to include the Museum.

The first meeting of the Heritage District design standards will be on January 29th.

Acquiring necessary easement along Mantegani for completion of Street widening.

Contracting with Purple Wave Auction (Online) to sell used equipment.

1. Grants (FEMA grant for Fire truck was submitted in December. Completing the RAISED grant for South Barrington to be submitted this month.

8. Comments from Citizens-

Mick Wagner 409 Penzo Ave., Tontitown, AR

1. Mr. Wagner has filed a lawsuit against Tontitown Mayor Angie Russell for unlawful use of public funds. Mr. Wagner summarized the event that has led to the filing of the lawsuit, regarding a city paid invoice for Mays Law Firm and missing emails.

Kenneth Lovett 1702 Clearwater Rd., Fayetteville, AR

1. Mr. Lovett said lawsuits are all you see when you google Mick Wagner.
2. Eco Vista is terrible, and he doesn't know what it is but it's not trash.

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

Amber Ibarra motioned to approve.

Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

10. Old Business: NONE

A.

11. New Business:

A. Appoint a chairman for the 2023 Committee of the Whole meetings.

Misty Piazza motioned to reappoint Larry Ardemagni to the 2025 Chair.
Second by Tim Burress

Daniel Montez Voted- YES
Larry Ardemagni Voted- ABSTAINED
Tim Burress Voted- YES
Misty Piazza Voted- YES
Mike Washkowiak Voted- YES
Amber Ibarra Voted- YES

Motion Passes

B. An approval of an Ordinance of the city council to establish a parks and recreation advisory board- Mark Latham

City of Tontitown, Arkansas has a desire to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in order to advise and make recommendations for the City's master park plans, the long-term goals and objectives for parks and recreation activities, advise the City on other matters relating to parks, recreation and cultural activities, as requested by the City Council or referred to the board by the City Administration.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.
Second by Amber Ibarra

Motion Passes Unanimously

C. An approval of a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the low bid submitted by landmark structures I, L.P. for the industrial area tank and water line project- James Clark

Daniel Montez motioned to approve.
Second by Tim Burress

Motion Passes Unanimously

D. An approval of a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (Raise) Grant Program- Mark Latham
Daniel Montez motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- E. An approval of a resolution waiving the competitive bidding and authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with MHC Kenworth for the repair of a fire truck- Chief Krug

Fire Chief Krug reminded the council that these repairs are estimates.

An estimate of \$50,037.17 is to repair the fire truck.

An estimate of \$3,483.20 is to repair the rear windows, air conditioning line, leaks in the roof and exhaust.

The total repair estimate is roughly \$53,520.37.

Daniel Montez motioned to approve the repairs.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

- F. An approval of an approval for a resolution to accept the dedications contained in final subdivision plats approved by the city council- Brad Spurlock

Harper Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 830-38530-000 & 830-38212-002

Pendergraft Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 830-38127-000 & 830-38129-000

Piazza Incidental (Lot Split) – 830-37617-000

Greenlee Incidental (Minor Subdivision) 830-37987-400

Sanford Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 830-37976-408 (Best Choice Holdings)

Osage Venture, LLC Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 001-19264-001 (Petra Properties, LLC)

Burba Incidental (Lot Split) – 830-37773-004 (MTL Holdings, LLC)

Gonzalez Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 830-37891-200 & 830-37891-230

Pruitt Family Incidental (Minor Subdivision) – 001-16902-000 & 001-16880-000

Ahern Incidental (Property Line Subdivision) – 001-17360-002 & 001-17360-003

Walker Family Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 001-17354-003

Grimm Incidental (Minor Subdivision) – 001-17224-010

Schlinker Incidental (Property Line Adjustment) – 001-17017-003

Gallardo Incidental (Minor Subdivision) – 830-37963-00

Tim Burress motioned to approve.

Second by Misty Piazza

Motion Passes Unanimously

12. Comments from Alderman

Mike Washkowiak

1. Complimented on the road resurfacing.
2. Thanked the Street Department for taking care of the city roads.
3. Thanked Jarvis Davenport for clearing the snow from his and some other driveways.

Tim Burress

1. Thanked the mayor for the State of the City.
2. Thanked all the city departments for their hard work.
3. Thanked the Street Department for keeping the roads clear of snow.

Larry Ardemagni

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Said he heard by more than one person that our Street Department did a better job removing the snow than the state guys.
3. Try to get the truck repair estimates lower.

Amber Ibarra

1. Echoed all the same sentiments with the Street Department.

Misty Piazza

1. Excited for what 2025 will bring.
2. We have a top-notch Street Department.
3. Events are coming back this year and if anyone has some other ideas please contact City Hall.

Daniel Montez

1. Thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
2. Thanked the mayor for swearing in the council.
3. Looking forward to a productive 2025.
4. Attended the Municipal League Conference.

13. Comments from Mayor

1. Corrected something in her State of the City and she meant to say 515,000 thousand not million.
2. Congratulations to Larry Ardemagni.
3. The city has had extensive IT issues and is hoping to end the contract with the current company and use someone else, along with being overwhelmed with FOIA's, lots of paperwork, and city employees are working long hours, and its very time consuming.
4. Thanked everyone for their support.

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)