

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
August 11th, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Glover. With the roll having been called, the following council members were recorded as present: Kevin Skipper, Michael Hood, Shirley Hindman, Linda Hall and Barbara Ross. Absent: Tyler Permenter. A quorum was declared. Recorder /Treasurer Donna Wood was also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Kevin Skipper.

Charles asked the new police officer, Wyatt Wheaton to introduce himself.

Wyatt said he was from Caraway, AR. He previously worked with the Lepanto Police Department and the Caraway Police Department. Wyatt said he was moving to Tyronza.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the July 14th, 2020 regular council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman seconded by Kevin Skipper moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to approve the July 14th, 2020 minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Shirley Hindman, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

The expenditures were next on the agenda.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for July 2020, Kevin Skipper seconded by Linda Hall moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

There was no discussion on the expenditures.

With there being no further discussion on the expenditures, a voice vote was taken and the voting was unanimous to approve the July 2020 expenditures.

First in new business was a proposed resolution to set up a bank account for the funds that would be received from the loan to make water tank repairs.

The resolution entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ARMOR BANK TO ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNT FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION, LOAN FUNDS AND PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS was read in full by Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood.

The resolution stated there would be two signatures.

Barbara Ross suggested there be a third signature on the account in case the Mayor or the Recorder/Treasurer was not available.

The council members agreed that Barbara Ross should be added as the third signature.

Michael Hood seconded by Shirley Hindman moved to approve the resolution with the addition of Barbara Ross, council member, as the third signature. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles gave an update on the loan for the water tank repairs. He said the plans had been approved by the Arkansas Department of Health. The plans are pending approval from ANRC. The person up would make that approval had been sick and out of the office. The next step after the approval from ANRC will be to advertise for bids for the repairs. Bidders would have thirty days to submit their bids.

Charles reported the E. J. Roach had given notice that he was leaving. He said he had a couple of people interested in the position and would be talking to them.

Michael Hood asked Charles if he would let the council know who was being considered for hiring before hiring that person.

Charles said that he would.

Michael Hood introduced Ray Parrish to the council and said Ray was interested in being the dog catcher for the City.

Ray gave the Mayor references. He said he would charge \$20.00 a dog for pick up, asked for one tank of gas a month and \$4.00 a day to feed and water the dogs. He said he does not kill dogs and he had friends he worked with to find homes for the dogs.

Charles told Ray he would visit with the council members and check out his references and then would make contact with him.

Barbara asked if Ray was talking about picking the dogs up and taking them to Marked Tree or taking them to the kennel in Tyronza.

Michael said he would be using the kennel in Tyronza.

Charles said he has met with Rhonda Davis with the Marked Tree Animal Rescue and she said if the City picked up any dogs to call her and they would help with the dogs. They help find homes for the dogs.

Linda suggested making donations to the Marked Tree Animal Rescue when they took a dog for Tyronza.

Charles said money could be given to the Rescue to help offset the expense of them taking the dogs for the city.

Barbara said she felt any dogs that were picked up should be housed in Tyronza in case the dog had an owner it would give that owner a chance to get their dog back before sending it to Marked Tree.

The R/T said the City did have a leash law ordinance and the ordinance states a specific time the dogs have to be kept before anything can be done with them. It also states how long an owner had to claim the dog and pick it up.

Kevin Skipper said the tall grass beside the road going to the lift station had not been mowed.

Charles said he would make contact with the property owner and ask for it to be mowed.

Kevin asked had any more thought been given to whether to have the block party in October.

The council was in agreement to postpone the block party.

Barbara said she would like for the council to think about annexing the Tyronza Cemetery into the City limits. She said she felt like the cemetery should be inside the City limits.

Barbara also asked if a representative from the chemical company the Water Department had been purchasing the chemicals to erode the sludge in the sewer pond could come and check to see if it was working. She said if it was not working the City needed to be looking at something to take care of the sludge in the sewer ponds.

Charles said they were in the process of evaluating the effectiveness of the chemical on the sludge. He said there hasn't been any rain and the sewer ponds were low. He said a decision would be made on that in the next few months.

Barbara asked how the police and fire dispatch was working with Lepanto. She asked if the City needed to look at getting different radios.

Charles said it seemed to be working.

He asked Officer Wheaton and Fire Chief Wood how the dispatch had been working.

Officer Wheaton said the portables will not get out to Lepanto dispatch on the Lepanto channel. They have to use the Tyronza Channel to reach Lepanto dispatch on the portables. He said the radios in the police vehicles have no problem getting out on the Tyronza or Lepanto channels.

Chief Wood said they could not reach Lepanto on the analogue channel but Lepanto had given him and his officers permission to call them on the Lepanto channel. He said so far Lepanto has handled the dispatching for the fire department really good.

Charles said East Arkansas Planning & Development was looking for a grant to purchase new radios for the fire department.

Barbara asked how the grant was going to purchase electronic water meters.

Charles said the grant they were working on to purchase the meters, could not be used to for electronic meters. He said they would have to look for another grant or do something else.

Barbara said she had signed up for the Arkansas Municipal League online convention. She said the meetings would be taped so that others could watch them. She said it also would give attendees 3-hours credit toward their certification.

Michael Hood said the pavilion at the park needed some work on the ceilings. There were some boards that needed to be nailed back up.

Charles said he would find someone to make the repairs.

Michael Hood asked who needed to be contacted about having a Cemetery clean-up day.

The R/T said contact would need to be made with the Tyronza Cemetery Association members.

Charles said he thought somewhere down the line the City should consider taking over the management of the Cemetery.

There being no further business, Kevin Skipper seconded by Barbara Ross moved to adjourn. Voting was unanimous to approve.


Charles Glover, Mayor


Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer