

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
December 8th, 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, Tyler Permenter, Linda Hall Shirley Hindman and Barbara Ross. A quorum was declared. Recorder /Treasurer Donna Wood and City Attorney Noyl Houston were also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Kevin Skipper.

Mayor Glover the declared the City Council would go into executive session.

There was no action taken after coming out of executive session.

Mayor Glover then asked Chief Tacker to introduce his new police officer.

Chief Tacker then introduced Officer Anquion Williams. Garen said he worked with Anquion at the Marked Tree Police Department and from working with him, he knows Anquion is a good officer. Anquion just recently left the West Memphis Police Department. He wanted a slower paced job in which his family didn't have to worry as much about him.

Barbara asked where Anquion lived.

He said he lived in Marked Tree.

Next in new business was discussion on renewing the Firefighter Protection Plan and the Municipal Officials Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for Elected Officials and Department Heads. A brief description of both were given.

Barbara Ross seconded by Michael moved to accept the Firefighter's Income Protection Plan. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Shirley Hindman seconded by Michael moved to accept the Municipal Officials Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for Elected Officials and Department Heads. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles reported that he had applied for the street grant to get the roads paved that were not paved in the first street grant. A list of the streets was given to the council members. The maximum on the grant is \$300,000.00. He said he had also talked to State Representative Dwight Tosh about having double yellow lines put on North Main Street from the railroad track to past Indian Village.

Barbara suggested that when the paving crew comes to pave the streets, the City should get a quote on them repaving the walking trail and Southwest Oak Street. She said it might cost less since the crew would already be in town working.

The 2021 proposed budget was submitted to the council members. Charles asked the council when they would like to have a budget committee meeting. It was decided to have the budget committee meeting on Tuesday, December 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Tyronza Senior Center.

The 2020 Amended Budget was next on the agenda. Council members had been given the proposed 2020 Amended Budget before the council meeting. Charles said a change needed to be made to the Water and Sewer amended budget. A valve to cut off the water at the water tanks had to be installed before work on the tank could start. The cost was \$6,000.00. The amount on line-item equipment repair for the Water & Sewer was changed from \$6,566.00 to \$12,566.00.

With there being no further discussion on the amended budgets, Mayor Glover then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDED 2020 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TYRONZA ARKANSAS" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Kevin Skipper, seconded by Michael Hood, moved that the rule requiring the reading of any ordinance in full on three different days be suspended, and that the ordinance be placed on its second reading by title only.

The Mayor put the question on the adoption of the motion to the council, and the roll was called. The vote was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous

The Mayor declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council having voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule, the motion was carried and the rule suspended. The ordinance was then read by title only, thereby placing it upon its second reading.

Kevin Skipper, seconded by Shirley Hindman, moved that the rule requiring the reading of any ordinance in full on three different days be further suspended, and that the ordinance be read by title only.

The Mayor put the question on the adoption of the motion to the council the roll was called and the voting was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council having voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule, the motion was carried and the rule suspended.

The ordinance was then read by title only, thereby placing it upon a third and final reading.

Michael Hood, seconded by Kevin Skipper, moved the ordinance be adopted.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous.

Mayor Glover thereupon declared the ordinance adopted and signed the ordinance which was attested by the city recorder, and sealed with the seal of the city. The ordinance was given NO 2020-005.

Charles then report that work on the Old Water tank was scheduled to start January 6th, 2021, weather permitting. It would take one month to complete the repairs. He said they might get to start sooner, depending on their job in Texas.

The bids on the old water tank repairs came in under budget. It looked like there would be \$25,000.00 left from the loan proceeds. The mayor is checking with ANRC to see if the \$25,000.00 could go toward electronic water meters. It would cost around \$125,000.00 to install electronic meters. The water department has around \$240,000.00 in discretionary fund and the balance would come from those funds.

Shirley Hindman said that she had complaints that the water bills were already too high.

Barbara asked how much water was being lost.

Charles said around one million gallons a month was being lost.

Barbara said she talked to an electronic meter representative at one of the municipal leagues meetings and he said if there was a lot of water loss, there was a possibility the City could get a grant to install the meters. She said she would check into the grant possibilities.

A report was given to the council members on the money received through the Cares Act Grant.

Charles reported that the online bill pay for water bills was up and going.

Charles told the council members there would be a vacancy on the council beginning January 1, 2021. He said the council would be responsible for appointing someone to the vacancy.

Kevin Skipper said he would be willing to serve if the council wanted to appoint him.

Michael reminded the Mayor that the minutes and expenses for October and November needed to be approved.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to approve the October 13th, 2020 minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Kevin Skipper, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

There were no November minutes due to the council meeting being cancelled because of the high number of COVID cases in Tyrone.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for October 2020, Kevin Skipper seconded by Michael Hood moved to approve the expenditures. Upon a voice vote the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for November 2020, Shirley Hindman seconded by Kevin Skipper moved to approve the expenditures.

Barbara asked if they were going to continue using the new chemicals in the sewer pond.

Charles said they would not be using the new chemicals anymore. They did work some but not like they had hoped they would.

Barbara said she saw an expense for repair the gear box on the paddle wheel. She said she had seen in a previous month there was work on the paddle wheel also and asked was the gear box not included in the previous repairs.

Charles said the paddle wheel was refurbished but there wasn't any work done on the gear box.

Barbara also commented on the amount of money spent on the Christmas light for the cedar trees. She said the lights were having to be replaced every year and would like to see the money be used for something that could be used more than one year.

Charles asked if there was anything else the council wanted to discuss.

Shirley Hindman said she would like to discuss four-wheelers being driven around town. She said she called for the police two times the previous Saturday.

The mayor, council, Chief Tacker and Officer Williams discussed complaints and what to do about the four-wheelers. A decision was made to enforce the city's ordinance prohibiting four-wheelers from driving on city streets. A warning would be given first and if there was a second time a citation would be given.

Michael Hood said he would like to discuss why there was no funeral escort for Tommy McIntire.

Chief Tacker said the funeral home gave him the wrong time to be there. He set his alarm for five minutes earlier than the time that was given to him and when he got to the funeral home everyone had already left. He said he had been given the wrong time several times.

Michael said he would like for the police to continue to do funeral escorts.

Chief Tacker said they have been and would continue.

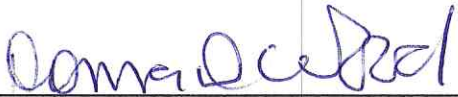
Kevin Skipper said his neighbor at the corner of Banks and Emrich had cleaned up some and moved the RV. He said it was still junky around the house.

Charles said he would write another letter asking him to clean up the property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer