

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
June 17th, 2021**

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: Ann Humphreys, Shirley Hindman, Angie Allison, Michael Hood and Barbara Ross. Absent: Tony Turner. A quorum was declared. Also at the meeting were City Attorney Noyl Houston and Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the May 20th, 2021 regular council meeting minutes and the June 3rd special called council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman seconded by Angie Allison, 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 May 20th, 2021 minutes and the June 3rd minutes. Angie Allison seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 June 2021, Shirley Hindman, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open to any discussion on the expenditures.

Barbara Ross said she saw where the GPS system had been paid for, she asked had the system been implemented.

Charles said it had not been implemented at that time because a decision needed to be made about what vehicles to put the system in. The wrecked police unit was in the shop being repaired and the system would be installed along with the repairs.

Shirley asked what fog digester was. It was purchased for \$1,157.28.

Danny said it was purchased for the sewer system.

With there being no further discussion on the May 2021 financials, a voice vote was then taken and the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to the new business on the agenda.

Mayor Glover reported the 2020 agreed upon procedures report from the Legislative Audit had been completed and there were no adverse findings.

Amending the farm animal ordinance to allow students in the 4-H program to have such animals was next on the agenda.

Charles asked Angie Allison to tell what changes were needed to the ordinance to allow students in the 4-H program to have such animals.

Angie said a 4-H club had been started for students at the Tyronza and Lepanto campuses. The program is sponsored by Poinsett County and in conjunction with the school. Part of the program is for kids to have farm animals and take care of them to show at competitions. She suggested a change to the ordinance to read "Only students enrolled in the 4H program be allowed to have one small animal which would consist of a sheep, pig or goat." She said the keeping of one of these animals was regulated through the program and she felt it was a great program for the kids. She gave the council members information on the program. She said currently there was one student in Tyronza who was in the sixth grade that wanted to keep a sheep.

Barbara Ross questioned what would happen to the animal when the student got out of the 4H program.

Angie said they were currently doing fundraising to build a barn to keep the animals that were turned back in. She also said the program had sponsors that would step in and take the animal.

There was then discussion on what the current ordinance allowed which was one animal under twenty pounds.

Angie said some of the animals would get over twenty pounds.

Barbara said her daughter was in the program and she had a pig, they kept the pig outside of town and the place where it was kept began to smell. She was concerned about a student keeping a pig in their back yard and the smell it would cause.

Angie said the animals being kept were show animals and the student had to take care of the animal and where it was being kept. If it became a problem the person could be fined and the animal taken away. She said there were ways to make the program work.

Charles said he was on the 4H board and there were currently students who were showing animals. He said they were learning leadership and responsibility. He thought it was a good program.

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Other concerns addressed where children not in 4H wanting to keep these animals, the area needed for the animals, not allowing pigs, and notifying neighbors of such animals being kept.

After further discussion, it was decided to amend the ordinance to allow one sheep and one goat with no weight limit, four rabbits and twelve chickens.

Noyl said he would re-write the ordinance to make the suggested changes and bring it back to the next council meeting.

Angie said she had one student that wanted to go ahead and get started on an enclosure.

Noyl said the enclosure could go ahead and be built. The student would need to wait until the Ordinance was amended before bringing the animal in.

Next on the agenda was discussion of a curfew.

Charles said there had been complaints about minors roaming around during the night and a curfew had been suggested. He said after looking at the ordinances, a curfew ordinance was found from 1991. The council members had been given a copy of the curfew ordinance.

The ordinance said people under the age of 18 had a curfew of midnight Friday and Saturday nights to 5 am Saturday morning and from 11 pm to 5 am all other nights.

Charles said he felt the incidents of minors roaming around has quieted down some. He then asked Police Chief Anquion Williams to address minors walking around at night.

He said he felt the curfew should start at dark and felt on a first offense the minor should be taken home and the parents talked too, second offense should be a cite to court on or possibly taken to juvenile hall.

Charles asked if the incidents of minors being out was increasing, decreasing or staying the same.

Anquion said it was about the same.

There was then discussion on amending the ordinance.

After discussion Barbara Ross seconded by Shirley Hindman moved to amend the ordinance to 10 pm during the weekdays and 11 pm on the weekends. A roll call was then taken and the voting was as follows: Shirley Hindman – yes; Barbara Ross – yes;

Michael Hood – no; Angie Allison – no; and Ann Humphrey – yes; The vote was 3 for and 2 against, the motion failed due to not having a majority vote of 4 and Mayor Glover not voting to approve.

Discussion on Resolution 1999-2 establishing a policy for a drug free workplace was next on the agenda.

In previous council meetings a drug free workplace policy had been discussed. Charles said in looking back through the ordinance and resolutions a policy was found to have been adopted by resolution in 1992. He said it appeared to be close to what the Arkansas Municipal League recommended as a drug free workplace policy currently. The council members were given a copy of the policy. He recommended that nothing be done to change the policy at the current time. He recommended the council members read the policy and recommend any changes they saw that might need to be changed. He said that Noyl would also be looking at the policy for any changes that might need to be made.

Angie asked if the resolution was what was in the personnel policy book.

Noyl said he didn't think it was the same thing. It was a separate policy that was adopted in 1999. He said the policy did require some training for those who would have the discretion to ask for drug testing based on reasonable suspicion. The person would have to take an hour training on what constitutes reasonable suspicion. He said the policy also required training for employees on the hazards of drugs and alcohol.

Barbara asked Noyl if he was working on a new one for the federal funding.

Noyl said he had received a policy from the Arkansas Municipal League and the only thing that had really changed since the 1999 policy, was an addition for medical marijuana. The policy still required someone not to be under the influence of any drugs and they were not to be using drugs or possessing drugs on the job.

Noyl said the 1999 resolution provided the framework and was sufficient for the current time. He said he would look at it to see if any amendments needed to be made.

Michael asked if the City had any current online drug training.

Charles the City did not currently have anything. He would check with the Arkansas Municipal League to see if they provided any online training for cities.

Charles said the City was not having the Stars & Stripes Festival. He said that Christy Tacker, owner of Main Street Grocery and Café, had planned a June Jubilee for June 26th. She will be using the City's downtown park for the festival.

The council then reviewed the portable toilet quote from Roto-Rooter for the City's Park.

The quote was \$200.00 per month for two standard portable toilets and \$450.00 a month for one standard and one handicap toilet. They would provide toilet paper, chemicals and clean out once a week.

There was discussion of just getting one, but wasn't sure if the company would just bring one toilet. Michael suggested getting one handicap portable toilet if Roto Rooter would bring just one toilet. If they would not bring just one toilet, he suggested one standard and one handicap be brought out. It was also suggested that the portable toilet be anchored down. The City would keep the toilets for through Labor Day.

Michael Hood, seconded by Angie Allison, moved for the City rent one handicap portable toilet for the park from Roto Rooter if they would bring just one portable toilet. If they would not bring just one toilet, then he moved that one standard and one handicap portable toilet be rented for the park. The portable toilets would be rented through Labor Day. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Ann asked that the toilet not be put behind anyone's house that was around the park.

In a previous meeting the council voted to add Barbara Ross as a third signature to the City's bank accounts. After contacting the bank to add Barbara, they said the council would need to vote to take Tyler Permenter off the bank accounts because he was listed as the third signature.

Angie Allison, seconded by Michael Hood, moved to remove Tyler Permenter as the third signature on all of the City's bank accounts. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles then gave an update on the American Rescue Plan. He said there were still new guidelines coming out about how to spend the money. He said the City should receive around \$70,000.00 in mid July 2021 then one year later receive another \$70,000.00. He recommended the City use the money to purchase and install electronic water meters.

The water tower repairs were complete and it was up and running.

The purchase of a new street truck was next on the agenda.

Charles said a quote for the purchase of a new truck was given to the council members at the May council meeting. He said the truck was still in stock. The quote was \$31,125.00. He said he and Barbara have checked on ordering a F250 that would be available at the end of the year or possibly in January 2022 and the price would be \$22,956.00, if power locks and bench seat were added it would be \$24,691.00

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Charles said he talked to the place where the police car was being delivered too and he said he would have some work trucks coming in at the end of August. He did not have a price on the trucks. He said they would be somewhere in the \$25,000.00.

Angie asked if Matt's truck was currently down.

Charles said that Matt was currently driving the truck but it was getting hot on him when he drove it. He said a lot of money had been spent on repairs on the truck and there would have to be more spent on repairs for him to continue to use the truck.

The council discussed purchasing a motor for the truck, waiting four to six months to purchase one that cost less and taking the truck to Neal's to see what was wrong with the truck.

Angie Allison moved to purchase the new truck. There was no second to the motion.

Next to be discussed was setting the speed limit on city streets to 20 mph.

After discussion, Michael Hood seconded by Barbara Ross, moved to table any further discussion on setting the speed limit to 20 mph. Upon a roll call the voting was as follows: Shirley Hindman – no; Barbara Ross – yes; Angie Allison – no; Ann Humphrey – no; Michael Hood – yes. The vote was 3 no's and 2 yeses. The motion failed.

After further discussion, Angie Allison seconded by Ann Humphrey moved to set the speed limit on city streets at 20 mph. A roll call was taken and the voting was as follows: Shirley Hindman – no; Barbara Ross – no; Angie Allison – yes; Ann Humphrey – yes; Michael Hood – no. The vote was 3 no's and 2 yeses. The motion failed.

Danny Marrs asked Charles what he was supposed to do with the truck that Matt drives. He said the truck could not be driven without it getting hot. Charles said the truck would be taken to Neals and be fixed. He said there was no other choice a new one was not being bought.

Charles said the Ford Explorer was being repaired. The adjuster may need to come back and look at the vehicle.

Charles gave the council members a quote on dash camera recorders for the police vehicle, the estimate was \$10,000.00 for two recorders. There was not a lease option, there was a 36-month loan option.

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Barbara Ross said she talked to Motorola and was told there was a lease option. Her thoughts on a lease program were that the recorders go obsolete and the lease option would allow for newer recorders to be used.

Barbara asked Charles if he checked any other companies for quotes. He said he did and the other companies wanted the City to purchase more than two recorders.

The options on the recorders were then discussed.

After discussion, Barbara Ross, seconded by Angie Allison, moved to purchase and install two dash camera recorders for the police vehicles.

Michael said if the cameras were purchased, he wanted them to be used.

Barbara asked if the vest cameras worked.

Anquion said they were working poorly.

Barbara asked if the decision to purchase dash cameras need to be put off to check on getting good body cameras with the dash cameras.

Anquion said with the dash cameras that was being quoted, there was a body mike that would pick up any audio if they had to go into a house.

Barbara said she read that the cameras run the batteries on the vehicles down.

Anquion said there was an accessory battery that could be purchased.

A voice vote was then taken, and the voting was unanimous to approve.

Police Policy Procedures was next to be discussed.

Charles said in 2014 he and the former police chief, council members and mayor worked on a Police Procedures Policy. The council voted to approve the policy but there were still some changes that were to be made and the final copy was to be brought back to the council for them to adopt the policy by resolution. The policy was never brought back to the council.

Noyl said a policy was needed but didn't know what kind of policy they would have if the council adopted the draft copies.

Charles said he would get with Tony and they would look at the policy.

An update of the police vehicle accident investigation was given.

The council members received a copy of the letter from Sheriff Kevin Moulder which stated that it was determined by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Val Price that there was no basis for criminal charges at that time. It also said violation of any policy or procedure set forth by the City of Tyronza was not investigated.

Charles asked Sheriff Moulder what should have been done when the accident happened. He was told the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department or State Police should have been notified. Charles said that he and Anquion both realize that should have been done and it was their fault that it was not done. Going forward that would not happen again.

Barbara asked if any of the root causes were addressed and corrected.

Charles said yes, he and Anquion had talked about that at length and those had been corrected.

Charles then asked for the council to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

There was no action taken as result of the executive session.

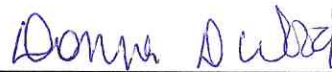
Michael Hood said the drainage ditch beside the post office needed to be cleaned out.

Charles said he would get with Michael and they would go look at the ditch.

There being no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer