

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
August 19th, 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: Shirley Hindman, Ann Humphreys, Angie Allison, Michael Hood, Tony Turner and Barbara Ross. A quorum was declared. Also at the meeting was Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood. City Attorney Noyl Houston was not present.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the July 15th, 2021 regular council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 15th, 2021 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 July 2021, Shirley Hindman, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

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

Barbara said she saw that there was a \$300.00 equipment payment in Water & Sewer.

The R/T said when Justin Tacker built his house on Church Street, he put in a grinder pump and lines to pump his sewer to the City's sewer main. The City paid the cost of the installation and Justin was paying the City back by making \$150.00 per month payments. The amount is billed each month on his water bill.

Barbara then asked about a check written in the amount of \$1752.00 for Public Water System Service Fee.

The R/T said each water bill has a forty cent per month charge for the Public Water System Service Fee. The \$1752.00 was a yearly payment the Water Department paid for the fee that was collect on the water bills.

Barbara said she notice the City received the American Rescue Plan Act money in the amount of \$74,493.77.

Charles said it was a little more than what was expected.

Barbara asked if the loan for the Water Tank repairs had not been set up yet.

Charles said it has been set up.

Barbara said she didn't see it on the Water Bank Balances report.

The R/T said there have not been any payments made on the loan. The Water Department has been paying the interest on the loan. The first payment was due in October 2021 and there would be two payments a year.

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

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

Charles reported the City was applying for a Fun Park Grant and there was a resolution that needed to be passed for the application.

The Recorder/Treasurer then read the resolution in full.

A motion was made by Angie Allison and seconded by Michael Hood to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles said East Arkansas Planning and Development was writing the grant application for the City and at that time there was no charge for them to write the application.

There were two options on using the funds from the grant. Crow Engineering Firm worked up two cost estimates on how to use the grant funds. One was to resurface the existing walking trail, fix some bad spots in the parking lot and then add a paved handicap accessible walk way to each of the play structures and add a 6' extension on the north end of the walking trail. The other option was to resurface the walking trail, fix the bad spots in the parking lot and then add a paved handicap accessible walk way to each of the play structures and add a therapeutic swing and a Ten Spin merry-go-round.

After discussion, Angie Allison seconded by Tony Turner, moved to use the grant funds to resurface the existing walking trial, fix the bad spots in the parking lot, add a paved handicap accessible walk way to each of the play structures and add a therapeutic swing and a Ten Spin merry-go-round. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Angie Allison had suggested putting soccer goals at the park.

Charles said that was something the City could do itself.

Charles then reported that a new water drop box had been installed in the city hall office. There were some complaints from people had put cash for their water bill in the drop box and who did not receive credit on their water bill because the cash payment was not received. The new drop box has a better fall and a lid over the outside slot. It also has a lock on the inside. A big hole was left in the wall from the old drop box. The plaster on the wall was also peeling off. Sheet rock was being installed on the wall to cover up the hole and the peeling wall plaster. There was also plaster peeling off of the walls in the lobby of the city hall. Sheet rock was being placed over it also and the lobby and office was being repainted.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Chris McCorkle submitted a bid to clean out the drainage ditch beside the post office. This bid amount was \$16,025.00. The price included cleaning out 12,351 ft of ditch and shredding 4,728 ft of trees.

Chris explained where and what work he would do. He also said he had talked to the Highway department and they said if there was any problem with the pipe when he got the water down to let them know and they would come and do whatever was necessary. He said he had the ok from them to cut the trees.

Shirley asked when the ditches were cleaned out would it be the City's responsibility to keep the ditches cleaned out.

Charles said no, they City does not maintain the farmland where the ditch runs through.

Barbara asked if there was an easement for the drainage ditch to go through the farm property.

Charles said there wasn't an easement and the City would have to get permission from the landowners to dig the ditch out.

Chris said he had talked with Trey from E. Ritter and didn't think there would be a problem. He said he tried to make contact with Norcross but was unable to get a hold of anyone. He said he also talked to Ritter about sharing some of the cost.

Michael Hood asked if anyone had talked to Poinsett County about help cleaning out the part of the ditch from the interstate to behind Blackwood Lane and out to Highway 322.

Chris said there was no drainage district in Tyronza. The district stopped at the Twin Ditches.

There being no further discussion, Tony Turner seconded by Angie Allison moved to accept the bid from Chris McCorkle, Dead Timber Inc., in the amount of \$16,025.00 to clean out the drainage ditch beside the post office. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles said there could be additional expenses for culverts that might need to be installed.

The council then discussed cleaning out the drainage ditch beside the old Tyboogie building. Chris said he would look at it and give an estimate and Charles would check for easements.

Charles reported the City received \$74,493.77 in American Rescue Plan Act money and the City would receive another \$74,493.77 in July 2022. He said the training meetings he had been attended virtually was suggesting Cities to take their time in spending the money. He said the state was getting a lot of money also. The State requested input on what the cities needed. He said he has asked the state to help pay for the electronic water meters. Charles said his suggestion was to wait and hear from the State to see if they will help pay for the meters.

There are four different categories in which the money can be spent; Water & Sewer, Broadband projects; reimburse for loss revenue, COVID related expenses & projects and premium pay for essential workers.

The money has to be committed to a project by 2024 and spent by 2026.

Recorder/Treasurer gave an update on the document management program. She said the software and scanner have been installed and it was working. Ordinances were currently being scanned and plans were to scan the minutes next.

Angie and Barbara asked if the program could be linked to the website. The R/T said it could not be.

Tony asked if the program could be installed on the police computer so the officers could look up the ordinances. The R/T said she would check to see if the link could be installed on the officer's computer.

Charles said there was no update on when the F250 would be in. The police car's new arrival date was September 20th. The police car does have a VIN number and would be built.

The new census numbers were in and it show Tyronza's population at 716.

Charles said the Department of Finance & Administration called and said due to an audit of the State Sales Tax returns, they found the City of Tyronza was overpaid \$7,200.00 in city sales tax. They would not tell who over paid or when it was overpaid. They will be deducting \$720.00 from the City's sales tax for the next 10 months to collect the overpayment.

A Block Party was planned for October 5th, the first Tuesday in October. The Block Party will start at 6 pm.

Charles said he and Tony had not had a chance to get together on the Police Policy Procedures. When things slowed down, they would meet to go over the policy.

A sample social media policy from the Arkansas Municipal League was given to the council members to review.

Noyl has been working on the Drug-Free policy. He is still working with the Arkansas Municipal League on how the City should adopt the policy.

Shirley Hindman asked if all the GPS systems had been installed in the units.

Charles said one had not been installed in the 2020 Colorado. It would be installed at the next oil change. The GPS system has been installed in the 2004 Chevrolet Truck and the 2016 Ford Explorer. The system ran the battery in the Chevrolet and the Ford Explorer. The batteries were replaced and there hasn't been any other problems.

The Watchguard in-car video systems were in but had not been installed. They should be installed within the next two weeks.

Angie asked if Charles had heard anything about repairs to the "Welcome to Tyronza" sign on the interstate that was damaged during a storm.

Charles said he had not and would call the Penny Toombs at the museum to get an update.

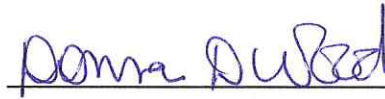
Chris McCorkle said the work on cleaning out the ditch would be about a month out.

Charles said that would be ok, he said he would like to wait until the farmer's get their crops out of the fields.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Charles Glover, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna D Wood", written over a horizontal line.

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer