

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
December 16th, 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: Michael Hood, Barbara Ross, Tony Turner, Ann Humphrey and Angie Allison and Shirley Hindman. A quorum was declared. Also at the meeting were Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood and City Attorney Noyl Houston.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the November 18th, 2021 regular council meeting minutes. Tony Turner seconded by Shirley Hindman, 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 November 18th, 2021 minutes. Shirley Hindman 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 November 2021, Barbara Ross, seconded by Shirley Hindman moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Michael Hood questioned a check written to Vaughn Ford in the amount of 1176.46.

Mayor Glover said the payment was for the balance of repairs due to the wreck of the 2016 Ford Explorer. The repairs were \$1,176.46 more than the insurance adjustment, which if added to the adjustment, the total amount of repairs would require the insurance company to total the car. He said the car was needed and the balance of the repairs was paid.

Barbara Ross suggested since the meetings were no longer held in the Sr. Center the A/C & Heat could be turned down to save on the utility bill.

Shirley Hindman stated that she was told the ice machine and garbage disposal was not working at the Senior Center.

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Charles said he didn't know about the garbage disposal but he knew the ice machine did not work and that was brought up at a previous meeting. Charles said he was in the process of looking for a new ice machine.

Shirley Hindman asked if the City had a Capital One card.

The R/T said it was the Wal-Mart card.

Barbara noted that the 2016 Ford Explorer should be in good running condition now, with all the work that had been done to it.

Barbara said she wanted to make an observation, She said the state and city sales tax has taken a drastic cut from 2019. She was also concerned that another business in town had closed.

Charles said the council would talk about that later in the meeting.

Shirley said before she left, she had a call from a lady about a pickup truck with loud pipes driving around Oak Street, Norcross and Church Street.

Charles said that could be addressed later in the meeting. He asked if there was anything else that needed to be discussed about the finances.

With there being no further discussion on the November 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.

Rhonda Davis with the Marked Tree Animal Rescue then addressed the council.

She said the Marked Tree Animal Rescue reaches out into Poinsett County to help with animal control issues. They actively transport dogs with the assistance of other agencies. She said they would like to work with Tyronza on helping take care of stray animals in the town. She would go look at Tyronza's kennel and see what was needed to update the kennel to keep the animals in. There would need to be electricity to the kennels and they would need to be weatherized. She said she would also like to work on legislation to prevent anyone who has been convicted of animal cruelty to not be allowed to have other animals.

Tony asked if the kennels were brought up to spec, would the city be responsible for the care of the dogs or would her team take over the care of the dogs. She said their team would take care of the dogs.

Shirley questioned who would pick the dogs up and take them to the kennels.

Rhonda said it would depend on the temperament of the dog, she has helped with picking up dogs.

Barbara asked if Rhonda had anything in mind for cats in Tyronza.

She said they are trying to control the cat population by encouraging people to get their cats spayed and neutered.

Noyl asked Rhonda was she thinking about a contractual relationship to allow the Marked Tree Animal Rescue to take the responsibility for animal control in Tyronza.

Rhonda said she really didn't know, she was trying to see what the council might want. She said the arrangement with Marked Tree is pretty unofficial.

Charles said the City would be happy to work with the Marked Tree animal rescue and would like to get with her to develop a plan.

Next on the agenda was discussion of the 2022 Budget.

Charles reported that Tommy's Repair had closed and from figures he had received the city would be losing around \$91.00 in sales tax each month. He said he felt comfortable with the sales tax amount he had budgeted for 2022.

Angie asked if the Street Budget had been amended from the budget meeting

Charles said the Street Budget was amended to add \$15,000.00 to get a tractor.

Barbara asked if Charles had amended the sales tax revenue for the 2022 Budget

He said he did not because he felt comfortable with the totals that were presented at the budget meeting.

There was discussion on how the sales tax revenue for 2022 was calculated.

Barbara Ross said she was hesitant to pass the 2022 Budget as it was presented because there was a need for more police officer hours and if the City goes back to two police officers, she didn't feel the City would be able to meet the budget by adding the hours needed for two police officers and the five percent raise that was proposed for the employees and don't cut some areas such as utilities.

There was discussion on what was budgeted for the police officer's payroll.

There was discussion on how many officers should be budgeted and what they should be paid.

Tony suggested the city hire two full time officers Monday through Friday and giving the second officer the option of being off every weekend. County would cover the weekends.

Angie said she didn't feel the citizens would want two full time officers just working Monday through Friday. She felt like the citizens should be polled to see what they want.

Charles said another officer has been budgeted for \$28,000.00 in the 2022 Budget.

Angie said she felt that salary was low.

Charles said he felt there should be one full time officer and one part time officer and the part time office could work until 2 am.

Tony said he disagreed, he felt that two full time officers were needed.

Charles said there was a possibility of finding two part time officers to fill in the time that was needed for the \$28,000.00 budgeted.

Harold Kirk said he was at the council meeting to speak on the officer situation. He asked if he could speak.

Harold talked about several incidents in which an officer was needed, he called for an officer and waited for one to show up. He said the park has a 10 o'clock curfew and there were people out there after curfew. There was no police presence during the tornado warning. There was no police presence for the workers at the bank when they leave, even with a recent bank robbery at Marked Tree.

Charles said the council was working on hiring the police that was needed, and asked Mr. Kirk he would like to continue the discussion on the budget, then if Mr. Kirk would like to address the council after the budget discussion, he was welcomed to.

Charles said he was comfortable with the numbers presented in the 2022 budget and would like to move on with the budget.

Tony said he was ok with the budget as it was, with hiring one full time or two part time officers. But he would like to see the City actively advertising to hire an officer.

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Barbara said with the sales tax revenue that was going to be lost due to Tommy's Repair closing and the uncertainty of the gas station opening, she would be more comfortable going with a 3% employee raise instead of the 5% employee raise. She said the raises could be revisited later on in the year. She didn't want to give the raises and then have to take them back.

Charles said the only salaries that would be affected by the sales tax revenue decrease would be the court clerk and the police officers and he felt the budgeted sales tax revenue was a good.

Barbara said there was going to have to be an increase in the police salary in order to get someone.

Charles said there was enough money in the budget to give the five percent raises and with the cost of living going up six percent, it was needed.

Barbara said she would pass the budget with a three percent raise.

Charles said he felt it was a terrible thing to do to give a three percent raise instead of the five percent raise because he felt the City could afford it and he thinks the employees deserve it and needed it.

Barbara said her motion was to pass the budget with a three percent raise and take the part time police officer up to \$14.00 and if the City had to pay a full-time police officer, pay the officer \$14.00 per hour.

After further discussion about a three percent raise or five percent raise.

Michael Hood said there were no businesses in town, the 5% raise would cost \$7,500.00, then asked about LOPFI and having future funding for LOPFI.

Charles said when the electronic meters got installed, the City General Fund would receive \$6,000.00 for administrative fees from the ARPA grant funds and that would pay for the raises.

Shirley Hindman seconded the motion.

Tony asked Charles what were his plan to fund LOPFI in the future so the money won't have to come out of the General Fund.

Charles said the money will have to come out of the General Fund and the City could budget a certain amount to put in LOPFI.

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With the roll being called, the voting was as follows. Angie Allison – No; Michael Hood – Yes; Barbara Ross-Yes; Shirley Hindman – Yes; Tony Turner – Yes and Ann Humphrey – Yes. Motion passed

City Attorney Noyl Houston read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANAS" in full, thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Tony Turner, seconded by Barbara Ross, 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: Angie Allison – No; Michael Hood – Yes; Barbara Ross – Yes; Shirley Hindman – Yes; Tony Turner – Yes; and Ann Humphrey – Yes.

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.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Tony Turner, 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: Angie Allison – No; Michael Hood – Yes; Barbara Ross – Yes; Shirley Hindman – Yes; Tony Turner – Yes; Ann Humphrey - Yes.

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.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Shirley Hindman, 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: Angie Allison – No; Michael Hood – Yes; Barbara Ross – Yes; Shirley Hindman – Yes; Tony Turner – Yes and Ann Humphrey - Yes.

Mayor Glover said he would like to exercise his right to Veto the ordinance.

Noyl then began to look up the state law concerning a mayor's veto.

Tony said while Noyl was looking for the law, he had something he wanted to suggest, he suggested that the council members get their checks once a year instead of every month.

The council members were in agreement. The checks would be issued in December of each year.

Noyl then read the provision, "The Mayor shall have the power to veto within five days, Sundays excepted, after the action of the council thereon, any ordinance, resolution or order adopted or made by the council, or any part thereof. In the case of the veto before the next regular meeting of the council, the Mayor shall file in the office of the recorder/treasurer, to be laid before the meeting, a written statement of his or her reasons for so doing. An ordinance, resolution or any part thereof vetoed by the Mayor shall not have any force or validity after the written statement is laid before the council passes it over the veto with a 2/3 majority of all the council members elected thereto.

Barbara asked if the council had to wait to the next meeting to vote.

Noyl said the council would have to wait until the next meeting.

Charles said he would have his reasons filed Monday.

The law requires the budget to be passed before February 1st.

Charles then gave an update on the electronic water meter project. He said he was working with the Arkansas Municipal League on the documentation for the County to give the City the money. The City has one quote and was currently working on getting two more quotes.

The council asked Mr. Kirk if he would like to continue to address the council. He said he had an incident the night before with a loud noise. It was a vehicle and he got the license plate and would be visiting with the police the next day and expected the police to go talk to that person.

The council then talked about putting speed bumps on Oak Street. They decided to put two speed bumps on Oak Street.

Michael Hood asked if the council voted at the last meeting that all city vehicles should stay inside city limits.

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Charles said there was a question on whether it was all vehicles or only the new vehicles.

The minutes stated it was all vehicles.

Charles said he would take care of the mater the next day.

The council agreed the police chief could take his unit home for lunch since there were no places to eat in the City.

Michael asked the fire chief if he had gotten prices on fixing the pumps on the fire trucks.

He said he had not gotten a price and at that time they were not leaking bad. The firefighters are keeping an eye on the water level in the trucks and filling them up as needed.

He said he had been talking to Philip Posy about the need for a new fire truck and he wanted to look at trucks that are close to where he could go look at them. Mr. Posey said that Jonesboro was getting ready to replace some trucks and would let him know when they were available. He would like to find a rescue pumper.

Michael asked Chris if he had gotten any prices on selling the rescue truck.

Chris said he had not and that Mr. Posey got the VIN # off of the truck and would get see what king of price he could get.

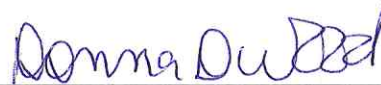
Tony said the ISO rating of any new vehicles should be considered.

Barbara Ross said the City should look at getting cameras for the city hall and the police department.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer