

TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
July 15th, 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, Angie Allison, Michael Hood, Tony Turner and Barbara Ross. Absent: Shirley Hindman. 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 June 17th, 2021 regular council meeting minutes. Angie Allison seconded by Tony Turner, 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 June 17th, 2021 minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison, 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, Tony Turner, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

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

Barbara asked if the dispatch fee was still \$400.00 per month.

Charles said he talked to Marked Tree's Mayor and he said the price went up to \$600.00 per month due to their expenses going up.

Tony said he felt the price should be based on the amount of traffic they do for Tyronza and he didn't think they were doing any more than what was previously being done.

Charles said he didn't think the fee was based on the volume of calls but the hours they were dispatching for Tyronza.

Barbara asked if there was any notice from Marked Tree about the price increase before switching dispatch back to them.

Charles said he did not receive any notice and the Marked Tree Mayor said he told Anquion about the price increase.

Michael asked where Anquion had been in past weeks. He said he hadn't seen him out.

Charles said a police car was needed for him to patrol. The siren on the Crown Vic was not working but should be repaired and working the next day.

With there being no further discussion on the June 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.

First in new business was discussion on purchasing a document management program.

Charles said a document management system has been needed by the City for some time. A quote on a system from R & D Computer Systems was given to the council members. The quote was for \$2,750.00. Which included Laserfiche Software, scanner, training and support. It would allow the City to scan ordinances and minutes and then be able to search the documents for key words. The document would also be backed up offsite.

After discussion, Tony Turner seconded by Angie Allison, moved to purchase the Laserfiche document management program. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous.

The meeting then moved to discussion on cleaning out two drainage ditches.

Charles said he had talked to Michael about cleaning out the end of the pipe at the ditch beside the post office. Charles asked Chris McCorkle if there was any way to drain the water in the ditch beside the post office.

Chris said he did go and look and there was water in the ditch from Main Street to the interstate. He said he felt the problem was where the water went under the interstate. He said the box culverts probably needed to be dug out. He said he felt in order for it to drain all the way it needed to be cleaned out from Highway 322 back into town.

Charles said they would need permission from the Highway Department to clean it out.

Chris said he had a meeting with the Highway Department in the coming week and would talk to them about it.

Mosquito complaints was next on the agenda.

Tim Nelson with Vector Disease Control then spoke to the council. He said he was shorthanded due to one of his drivers having a wreck. He said they have been working on getting caught up. He said they had been putting larvicide out and had done aerial spraying twice and would be doing it again later in the week. He said they will come into an individual residents' property and do a service call. He asked the council members to call him with any complaints.

There was discussion from the council on how much insecticide was being sprayed, complaints about the driver's driving too fast, spraying early in the morning, educating residents about cleaning up things from their yards that hold water.

A grant for the City Park was next on the agenda.

Charles said he and Barbara met with representatives on a grant for the park. He then asked Barbara to give a report on the meeting.

Barbara said the grant that was available was the Fun Park Grant. The amount of the grant was up to \$75,000.00. The grant could be used to fix the walking trail. There were other grants available but they were matching grants.

Freda Kirk asked who was paying for the portable toilet at the park.

Charles said the City was paying for it.

Freda asked how often it was supposed to be cleaned.

Charles said every week.

Ann said it had not been cleaned.

Charles said he would call them.

Barbara said it was a service until a public restroom was available.

Harold Kirk asked why a building for bathrooms couldn't be built.

Barbara said the building would have to be built per State specs and the cost would be very expensive. She said the portable toilet was only going to be there for about three months in hopes that a public facility would soon be open.

Charles said he would be getting quotes to repave the walking trail.

Noyl would prepare a resolution to apply for the grant and bring it back to the next council meeting.

Angie said if there was money left, she would like to see some of the equipment updated.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Amending the animal ordinance was first in old business.

At the June 2021 council meeting changes were discussed and approved to allow 4-H students to have farm animals inside the city limits.

Noyl prepared the ordinance to make those changes.

Charles asked Noyl to read the ordinance.

Noyl said the proposed ordinance would replace ordinance 2019-02 and amend Ordinances 1998-6 and 2015-003.

Noyl then read the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NOS. 1998-6 AND 2015-003 TO PERMIT A LIMITED NUMBER OF CERTAIN ANIMALS TO BE KEPT WITHIN THE CITY BY EAST POINSETT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN 4-H OR OTHER SCHOOL SPONSORED AND SUPERVISED PROGRAMS" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Tony said he felt the number of sheep and goats needed to be changed due to these animals needing to be around other animals.

Betsy Fires spoke and explain the program and also confirmed that it was better for sheep and goats to be around other animals.

After discussion, the proposed ordinance was amended to read "one sheep and one goat, or two goats".

Tony Turner, seconded by Angie Allison, 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.

Angie Allison, seconded by Michael Hood, 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.

Angie Allison, seconded by Tony Turner, moved the ordinance be adopted.

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

Angie Allison, seconded by Michael Hood, moved to adopt the emergency clause. 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 2021-005.

The Police Policy and Procedures was next to be discussed.

All the council members were given a copy of the policy.

Charles said he felt there was some more work to be done on the policy.

It was decided that Charles and Tony would sit down and look at the policy.

Charles gave an update on the 2016 Ford Explorer police car that was in the shop. He said a used motor was being put in the car. It would be covered by the vehicle insurance policy.

The Crown Victoria police car needed a siren.

The new police car was scheduled to be in August 23rd. It has been assigned a VIN and would be produced.

There was then discussion on how long the siren on the Crown Vic had not been working and why it has not already been fixed. Also discussed was why Police Chief had not been seen in town.

Discussion then turned to the purchase of a new street truck. The council members were given a copy of a quote on a 2022 Ford F250 heavy duty work truck that could be purchased through the State Purchasing Contract.

After discussion, Noyl then read the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PURCHASE OF 2022 FORD F250 PICKUP THROUGH STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR USE BY STREET DEPARTMENT" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

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The council suggested selling the 2004 Chevrolet.

In announcements, the Angie Allison said the Tyronza Elementary School would be hosting a Back to School Bash at the downtown Park on Thursday, July 29th from 5:30 to 6:30.

The corn in the community corn patch was ready to be picked.

Tony asked for the flag at the City Park to be replaced.

It was also noted that the lights at the sign at the City Park were not working.

The "Welcome to Tyronza" sign on I555 had been damaged during a storm several months ago. Charles said he had talked to the museum and there was no update on getting it repaired.

Tony said the City use to mow the side of the road at the end of Church Street. He said it if the City could start mowing it again.

Charles said yes, the City can mow it.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer