

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 20th, 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 April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular 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 April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 2021, Shirley Hindman, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

Barbara Ross question how the broad band was used in the police vehicles. Whether one device was being used in both vehicles.

The R/T said one device can be used in both vehicles.

Barbara asked had the Verizon fee increased.

The R/T said it had not increased but April's bill was higher because a hot spot had to be purchased for the ACIC terminal. There was a fee to purchase the hot spot device and then an additional monthly fee for data to use with the hotspot. She explained the police department went through an IT audit with ACIC and was told the ACIC system had to be secured so that vendor support from the court software or the water billing software could not access the ACIC system. ACIC was moved from the water computer to a laptop that only has ACIC on it and a separate internet connection.

Barbara asked since the mobile hotspot was portable, could it be used as the police department's internet service.

Charles said that would be something he would look at to see if it would work.

Michael said he saw a check written to Vaugh Ford Sales and asked if anyone checked with Neal at Tommy's Repair to see if he could do the work.

Charles said Neal could not get things out in a timely fashion and he was not able to get to the vehicle and get it out when it was needed. He said he lets Neal do the work on City vehicles as much as he can.

Michael said he felt the City should check with Neal first before taking vehicles elsewhere to be worked on.

Shirley said she saw where Donna P Wood purchased a zoning permit to install two mobile homes and a fence. She asked where the mobile homes were put.

The R/T said Mrs. Woods plans when she purchased the permit was to put the mobile homes off of Memphis Street where the old mobile home park used to be. One mobile home had already been installed. The second one had not been installed.

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 new business on the agenda.

Arkansas State Statute 14-55-206, Publishing or posting requirements for bylaws or ordinances, stated that a municipality in which no newspaper is published, written or printed notice posted in five (5) of the most public places designated by the governing body in an ordinance or minutes of the governing body shall be deemed a sufficient publication of any law or ordinance.

The City of Tyronza does not have a newspaper that is published. The council discussed the five public places to post the ordinances.

The council decided the public places would be The Tyronza City Hall, The Tyronza Post Office, Armor Bank, Tommy's Repair and The Main Street Café.

Main Street Café would need to be contacted to see if it was ok for the City to post the ordinances. If they were not agreeable the fifth place would be the Tyronza Senior Center.

Discussion on an ordinance setting the speed limit for city streets was next to be discussed.

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Charles said there were city streets that did not have a posted speed limit sign. Charles said he thought it was appropriate to put the speed limit for City streets at 20 mph. He said Main Street was also State Highway 118 and the State sets the speed limits for state highways.

Barbara said most of the streets that do have signs have the speed posted at 25 mph.

Charles said he had been riding around and 25 mph is too fast for the City Streets, especially during the summer when kids are out playing.

Barbara said she had driven it and didn't think 25 mph was a problem. She said she thought if someone was going to speed, they would go faster than 25 mph. She also changing the speed limit wasn't worth the cost of replacing the signs for the change in the speed.

Charles said there were streets that did not have speed limit signs on them that were going to have to have signs put up whether the speed was changed or not.

She said she would like for the issue to be discussed a little while longer and get public input on what the speed should be.

Charles said that was fine.

Michael Hood seconded by Barbara Ross moved to table any decision on changing the speed limit until the next council meeting.

Amending the personnel policy was next on the agenda.

The personnel committee met and recommended two changes to the personnel policy . One was a change to the accumulation of sick pay time and the other was a change to the drug free workplace. The committee was wanting a small change to the drug free workplace policy and after Noyl did some research it wasn't going to be a simple change. The Arkansas Municipal League had an eleven-page policy. In order for the City to get the federal money that will becoming available, the City had to have a drug free workplace policy. Charles said he would like to wait until the City is given further guidance from the Federal Government on what it will be requiring before making any changes to the personnel policy concerning the drug free work place policy.

The recommendation for sick hours was to change the policy to allow an accumulation of 160 hours sick time. There would be no pay for any accumulated sick days when an employee terminates.

Noyl then read the proposed resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY AS TO ACCRUAL OF SICK LEAVE" in full thereby placing it upon it first reading.

Mayor Glover asked for a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of any ordinance in full on three different days be suspended.

Angie Allison moved to adopt the resolution.

There was no second to the motion.

Barbara said she thought the committee discussed that if there were more than two instances per quarter the City could restrict the use of sick time for that employee. She said she thought there couldn't be a lot of three days absences without an excuse

Charles said he did not remember that being discussed.

After discussion, the resolution was changed by adding section 2 which states "That the personnel policy for non-uniform employees shall also be amended to provide that: "Employees who are absent more than three (3) consecutive days due to unconfirmed illness in a quarter may be required by the supervisor or department head to submit a physician's statement for additional sick leave days in each such quarter."

Shirley Hindman seconded by Barbara Ross moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes – Unanimous.

Charles reported the deed of gift for the land at the park had been received and recorded.

Shirley Hindman seconded by Barbara Ross moved to accept the land given as a gift in memory of Margaret Ritter by Jane Ritter Clawson and Charles H Clawson; and Ann Ritter Johnston and George W. Johnston. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles said Tony Turner came by and talked to him on getting GPS for the city vehicles. Tony brought him information on the system that Riverside Ambulance used. The system would send reports to a computer of where the vehicles were located and when the vehicle was stopped. The system will also keep a history log and can be recalled. The cost would be \$100.00 per vehicle plus \$25.00 per month for each unit.

One would be purchased for the street truck; one would be purchased for the water truck and two would be purchased for the police vehicles.

Charles reported the City's audit had been completed by the Legislative Audit and there were no adverse findings.

The water tank was currently being painted. The tank would have to set for two weeks before water could be put back in the tank.

The city should receive somewhere between \$130,000.00 to \$140,000.00 for the American Recovery Act. Half would be deposited in July 2021 and the other half would be deposited in July 2022. Water and Sewer projects were one of the allowable uses of the money. Details on the Act are still being released. There was a provision to pay the General Fund ten percent of the cost of a project for administrative cost.

The Carwash property had been finalized and the City had deed to the property and it had been recorded.

Chris Daniels reported on equipment received from a grant from the Department of Agriculture. The fire department received two gas powered blowers, six rakes, gloves, jumpsuits and two water suppression tanks.

Chris also spoke to the council about the radio problems. He said the Tyronza Volunteer Fire Department was the only department that was still on analogue radios. He said the communication was horrible. He gave the council members a proposal to purchase seven digital portable radios. The department currently had five digital radios. He said the company he works for has a digital repeater that had an available channel and was agreeable to let the fire department use that digital channel for the department. The company he works for has also donated two digital mobile radios. Those radios would be installed in the fire trucks.

One of the proposed digital radios would have to go to Marked Tree dispatch so they could set off the tornado siren.

After discussion, Michael Hood seconded by Angie Allison move to purchase four digital radios for the fire department. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Four other radios would be purchased when the Act 833 funds were received in a couple of months.

Charles reminded the council members about the Arkansas Municipal League Meeting being virtual and encouraged council members to register for the meeting.

Michael Hood asked if Charles had checked on the price of port-a-potties for the park.

Charles said he forgot about checking on the port-a-potties and he would do some checking to see what the prices would be.

Michael Hood gave Charles a copy of an ordinance from Piggott about allow the use of golf carts and side by sides.

Charles said he was looking at a permit for 4-wheelers. The permit would give the rider a route to use to go out of to ride.

Angie said she had complaints of houses on Pecan that needed to be clean up.

Charles said he would send letters.

Charles mentioned to Noyl that one of the houses had burned and asked what recourse the City had to get the owner to clean the property up.

Noyl said the City had an ordinance to condemn property and could use the steps in the ordinance to get the property cleaned up.

Shirley Hindman said the place where Richard Snow was staying needed to be cleaned up. She also mentioned the two properties on Frisco Street needed letters.

Barbara Ross said the grain bins across the street from the City Hall needed to be boarded up or come down.

Charles said he would call Mr. Caldwell about the property.

There was a discussion about whether the city had a curfew ordinance.

The R/T will check to see if there is one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer