

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
November 24, 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. Absent: 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 October 21st, 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 October 21st minutes. Tony Turner 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 October 2021, Barbara Ross, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

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

Barbara Ross questioned a payout on bullet proof vest.

Mayor Glover said the vest was purchased through a grant and the City would be reimbursed.

Barbara questioned a payout for tasers.

The R/T said the payment was the last payment on a lease of the tasers. It was a five-year lease that was done when B. J. Carter was Police Chief. The tasers now belonged to the police department.

Michael Hood asked if a payment to Garen Tacker was for the premium pay.

Mayor Glover said that it was.

With there being no further discussion on the October 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.

Michael Pierce, superintendent of East Poinsett County Schools, then addressed the council on a proposed new Jr. High/Sr. High school building that would be built in Lepanto. Each councilmember was given of the proposed plans. He said the budget to build the new building was 15 million dollars. The school would be responsible for 25% of the cost. If approved, the construction would start in the Summer of 2023.

A resolution and ordinance concerning the American Rescue Plan Act funds was next on the agenda.

Mayor Glover explained the plan to use the funds to purchase new electronic water meters for the water department, which was an allowable use of the funds. The cost of installation of the meters was \$122,000.00. Mayor Glover submitted a request to the Poinsett County Quorum Court for \$20,000.00 and the request was approved. The meters would be paid for with \$60,000.00 from the ARPA Funds, \$27,000.00 with loan funds that were left over from the water tank repairs, \$20,000.00 from the Poinsett County Quorum Court and \$15,000.00 from city funds.

The council discussed using the ARPA money for repairs to the sewer ponds instead of purchasing electronic water meters.

After discussion, the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF ARPA FUNDS GRANT" was read in full by City Attorney Noyl Houston.

Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Barbara Ross – yes; Ann Humphreys – yes; Shirley Hindman – yes; Tony Turner – no; and Michael Hood – no. The motion passed.

Noyl then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC WATER METERS" in full there by placing it upon its first reading.

Angie Allison, 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: Tony Turner – no; Ann Humphreys – yes, Angie Allison – yes; Michael Hood – no, Barbara Ross – yes, Shirley Hindman – yes.

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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.

Shirley Hindman, seconded by Barbara Ross, 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: Tony Turner – no; Ann Humphreys – yes, Angie Allison – yes; Michael Hood – no, Barbara Ross – yes, Shirley Hindman – 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 Angie Allison, 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: Tony Turner – no; Ann Humphreys – yes, Angie Allison – yes; Michael Hood – no, Barbara Ross – yes, Shirley Hindman – yes.

Angie Allison seconded by Barbara Ross 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: Tony Turner – no; Ann Humphreys – yes, Angie Allison – yes; Michael Hood – no, Barbara Ross – yes, Shirley Hindman – yes.

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 2021-008.

The 2021 proposed amended budget and the 2022 proposed budget was presented to the council members that were at the budget meeting held on Thursday, November 11th. Council member Tony Turner was not at the meeting, a copy was emailed to him and a hard copy of each budget was put in his council packet.

The council decided to proceed with the 2021 amended budget and to table the 2022 proposed budget.

City Attorney Noyl Houston read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDED 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANSAS" in full, thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Angie Allison, 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: Ayes - unanimous

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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 2021-009.

In announcements, there would be a Christmas Festival at the downtown park on Tuesday, December 7th, starting at 5:30 pm

Mayor Glover asked if there was any other discussion.

Michael Hood asked Fire Chief Chris Daniel about the need of equipment for the fire department.

Chris said a new pumper was going to be needed soon. He suggested selling the Squad Truck and the big engine and purchasing a pumper/rescue truck.

Mayor Glover asked Chris to get figures together on the sale of the vehicles and the purchase price of the pumper/rescue truck.

They also discussed the need to pack the pumps on the current fire trucks.

Barbara Ross suggested the city advertise for bids the sale of the city's old vehicles. She also suggested the beginning bid on the 2004 Chevrolet truck start at what it cost for the motor that was put in the truck.

Tony Turner said he would like for the City to actively advertise for a part-time police officer by running ads in the newspaper.

Charles said the Chief Williams was currently talking to someone for the part-time police officer. He would let the council know who it was. The salary of a part-time officer was discussed.

Michael Hood said he would like to meet the person being considered before the person was hired.

The five public posting places were then discussed. The R/T said the Main Street Café had closed down and it was one of the positing places. After discussion, Shirley Hindman seconded by Angie Allison approved the following places as the five public posting places of the city's ordinances: City Hall, Armor Bank, Tyronza Post Office, Tommy's Repair and the Southern Farmer's Tenant Museum. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Shirley Hindman said she would like to see all city vehicles stay in town unless it had to go out of town on city business.

Michael Hood seconded by Shirley Hindman moved that all city vehicles stay in town unless it had to go out of town on city business. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Shirley also said the city needed to look forward into how to fund LOPFI.

Chris said he had received two smoke detectors from the American Red Cross. He asked the council members to let him know if the knew of anyone who needed one.

The digging of the drainage ditches was next discussed.

Chris said he had finished the ditch beside the post office. There was no date on when he would be able to do the ditch across the street from Mullins.

Michael Hood and Chris discussed the spreading of the dirt from cleaning the ditch beside the post office.

Michael Hood asked about the police report.

Charles said he had the report and would get a copy to the council members.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood Recorder/Treasurer