

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2022**

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: Barbara Ross, Shirley Hindman, Michael Hood, Ann Humphrey, and Angie Allison. Absent: Tony Turner. A quorum was declared. Also at the meeting was 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 17th, 2022 regular city 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 November 17th, 2022 regular city council meeting 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 November 2022, Shirley Hindman, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Michael Hood questioned a check written in the amount of \$11,500.00 written to J & R Contractors Inc.

Charles said the expense was for putting the water line and fire hydrant at the corner of Banks Street and School Street.

Michael questioned whether or not the fire chief was consulted before putting the fire hydrant at that location.

Mayor Glover said the fire chief was consulted. He also said the location of the fire hydrant would benefit the residents on Bank Street and that if there was further development where the Dollar General store was being built, a line from Heafer/Black Oak could be run if needed when the property was further developed.

Michael's concern was that if the Dollar General was to catch on fire, how to get water from the hydrant to the fire truck.

Michael asked had there been any plans on getting fire hydrants on Church Street.

Mayor Glover said that Ritter Arnold would be developing the land North of Church Street and when he got the land platted out and knew where the streets were going, that's when they could look and see where the fire hydrants needed to be installed.

Angie asked if Mr. Arnold had confirmed that he was going to develop the land and was there any idea of when that would happen.

Charles said it would be when he finished a project in Marked Tree and that he was already working with an architect to develop the plats.

Candace said she felt there should probably be two fire hydrants installed with the length of Church Street and considering the locations of the houses that were already there.

Barbara asked if the \$11,500.00 included the cost of the fire hydrant or was that just the cost of labor.

Charles said it included everything, the boring, pipe, fire hydrant and labor.

Barbara said she was concerned because none of them knew J & R construction and she then asked if the mayor had tried to get a company closer to Tyrone.

Charles said he got the company's name from the engineer that has worked on the water's projects. He said the company does excellent work and has worked in the area.

Barbara asked how many feet of pipe was laid.

Charles said sixty feet of pipe was laid.

Barbara said she would like to see work like that offered to local companies first.

Danny said that J & R Contractor does all of Heafer/Black Oaks heavy installations.

Barbara was concerned about spending \$1,000.00 on Christmas lights for the trees near the interstate. She asked if it took all of the lights for the trees.

Charles said it did take all of the lights for the trees.

Barbara said she was concerned about spending that kind of money for the lights out at the interstate and the Christmas lights on the poles in town not working.

Charles said he called Jr. Smith and he said he would get to them as soon as he could.

Shirley Hindman said she wanted to thank those who put the lights up on the crepe myrtles in the downtown park.

With there being no further discussion on the November 2022 expenses, a voice vote was taken and the voting was unanimous to approve.

Michael Hood said he would like to see any projects bided out before the money being spent.

Charles then gave an update on Act 605. He said that Barbara and Angie had completed the training and that would have the council in compliance with having half of the council trained. Michael would be grandfathered in and not have to take the training because he had been on the council for 10 or more years.

Noyl then read the proposed resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO SERVE AS A BOARD FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE CITY'S PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES; PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH BOARD TO ENSURE PROPER OVERSIGHT, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STABILITY IN THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES; FOR ADEQUATE TRAINING OF BOARD MEMBERS; FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WATER SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AS REQUIRED BY ACT 605 OF THE 2021 ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY" in full.

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

Candace had any members been picked.

Charles said no.

Charles then gave an update on the grain elevators. ASU was going to get a grant to work on the grain elevators. The property had to be deeded to the City first and when ASU got the grant the bins would be deeded to ASU. The deed had been completed and the grain elevators now belong to the City. There were some holes at the grain bins that were in the process of being closed up to secure the structures.

An update was given on the new Dollar General store that was currently under construction. Mayor Glover said he talked to the construction foreman and they had a date of March 1st, 2023 set to have the building finished.

In announcement, Mayor Glover reported the Christmas parade and festival was set for December 20th.

Barbara asked if the service road where Dollar General was being built was now considered a city street or was it still a state access road.

Charles said it was still a state access road but the Arkansas Highway Department considered it a city street and that was why the street was named East Drive

She asked if the city police could monitor the road and it be legal.

Charles said yes, the city police could monitor the street.

Barbara asked was there any news on the park grant.

Charles said no, he tried to call today and could not get an answer.

Barbara asked if anyone had heard if Tony Turner was still interested in holding his council position.

Angie said she asked him at the last council meeting, and he said no.

Barbara wanted to mention that the position was open so that anyone who was interested would let the council know for them to be considered at the January 2023 meeting.

Barbara asked Noyl what would the City do if there wasn't enough people interested in filling the two positions of each ward of the council. What would be the procedure to do a member at large.

Noyl said the city council would have to change the existing system by ordinance. He said he would need to verify that before a change was considered.

Charles said it had been an honor to serve as mayor and he appreciates the citizen's that have supported him.

Fire Chief Chris Daniels spoke to the council and reported the squad truck was down, the PCM was not working. EVS had been working on the truck. He said he would like to propose the City start looking for a newer rescue truck. He said he had been looking at four different trucks. He said he would like to sell or trade in the squad truck.

Michael Hood said he would like to thank Shirley Hindman and Ann Humphreys for their service on the council.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer