

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
February 17th, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Glover via Zoom. With the roll having been called, the following council members were recorded as present: Barbara Ross, Tony Turner, Ann Humphrey, Angie Allison and Shirley Hindman. Absent: Michael Hood. 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 January 20th, 2022 regular council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 January 20th, 2022 minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Tony Turner, 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 January 2022, Barbara Ross, seconded by Shirley Hindman moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Barbara said one of the expenditures in January was to replace the lock at the fire department. She said she would like the City to look at installing code locks on the fire department and the police department. She said the code could be changed when there was a change of personnel.

Barbara asked Noyl if prior approval was needed when the City conducted business with a relative of an elected official. She referenced a check that was written to Emily Thomas, Mayor Glover's daughter, in the amount of \$150.00.

Charles explained the check. He said the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department asked Emily to do Narcan training for their deputies and asked Mayor Glover if the training could be held at the Tyronza Senior Center. Mayor Glover said he paid the \$10.00 fee for 15 deputies and officers as a thank you to the Poinsett County's Sheriff's Department for the extra work they had been doing for the City in the absence of the City police officers.

Noyl said he did not think that would not be prohibited.

Barbara asked Noyl to find out for sure. She said she attended a finance class and the subject was discussed and she said it was taught that prior approval was needed.

Noyl asked Barbara to provide the documentation she had and he would review it.

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

The meeting then moved to new business.

Mayor Glover said that Centerpoint Energy's natural gas services had been purchased by Summit Utilities and an ordinance was needed to accept the assignment of franchise rights from Centerpoint Energy to Summit Utilities.

City Attorney Noyl Houston read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING ASSIGNMENT OF FRANCHISE RIGHTS FROM CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO SUMMIT UTILITIES CONDITIONED UPON CONTINUED PAYMENT OF EXISTING FRANCHISE TAX" in full, thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Shirley Hindman, 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. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

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.

Tony Turner, 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 and upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

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, upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

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 2022-002.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Speed bumps on Oak Street were discussed at the December meeting. It was decided to install speed bumps on Oak Street. The speed bumps had recently been installed.

Barbara Ross said she had calls and half of the calls were for the speed bumps and half of the calls were not for the speed bumps. She said she had complaints the speed bumps would tear vehicles up.

Angie Allison, who lives on Oak Street, said she like the speed bumps.

Charles said if people driving their vehicles will slow down going over the speed bumps it will not damage their vehicles.

A set of old speed bumps that was put on Church Street, then taken up, was put on Oak Street. It was reported the speed bump was hard and brittle, and looked like a plank laying in the road.

Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison moved to purchase a new speed bump to replace the old speed bump. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Charles then reported he had received a call from the State Street Aid and the bids to pave the recommended streets had come in around \$397,000.00, \$97,000.00 more than the grant. He said if the City wanted all the proposed streets paved, the City would have to pay the difference.

Barbara asked if there were any more funds that would be coming down that would pay for the difference.

Charles said the City could apply for funds to pave streets again in two years.

Charles said they would look at the streets and see what they could cut back on.

Charles then reported the electronic water meters had been ordered and bids were being taken to install the meters.

Charles also reported that there were three dogs in the dog pen. They were to be picked up the following weekend by Rhonda Davis with the Marked Tree Animal Rescue.

Charles reported that Mark Spain had been offered the police chief position. He had previous police chief experience with Devall's Bluff. He was a current deputy at the St. Francis Sheriff's Department. He said he called the St. Francis County Sheriff and was given a good reference on Mr. Spain. The Sheriff said he would hate to lose Mr. Spain. Mr. Spain currently lived at Marianna. His children were being home schooled. Mr. Spain will relocate to Tyronza if a house can be found for him and his family.

Charles questioned Noyl as to whether the City could purchase a house for the police chief to live in and then the police chief pay rent on the house that was purchased.

Noyl said he thought the City could do that.

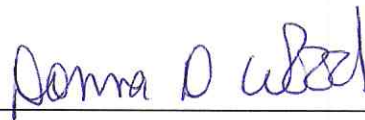
Charles said he did not have any further business.

Barbara Ross said she notice the utility bills at the Senior Center were high. She asked for the thermostat to be turned down to fifty degrees.

There being no further business, Tony Turner seconded by Barbara Ross moved to adjourn.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer