

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
June 16th, 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, Tony Turner, Shirley Hindman, Michael Hood and Angie Allison. Absent: Ann Humphrey. 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 May 19th, 2022 regular city council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman 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 May 19th, 2022 regular city council meeting minutes. Tony Turner 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 May 2022, Barbara Ross, seconded by Shirley Hindman moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Angie Allison asked when the second half of the ARPA funds would be received.

Charles said it would be in July 2022.

Michael Hood asked why another radar gun had been purchased.

Charles said the radar gun in one of the units did not work and it was cheaper to purchase a hand-held radar gun.

Tony asked if there was a radar in the car the police chief drove.

Charles said the hand-held radar was in the care that the police chief drove.

Tony said there needed to be a radar installed in the car. The hand-held radar gun could not be used when the car was a moving.

Charles said he would check into that.

Michael Hood asked if the City was beginning to get money back to reimburse on the expenses from the McDaniel House.

Charles said money was being received.

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

The meeting then moved to new business.

Adam Long, Executive Director of A-State Heritage Sites; and Penny Toombs, the Director of the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum, spoke to the council on plans of renovating the grain bins across the street from the museum. The plans would make one grain bin into an educational center and event room. They would tie the mechanics of the operation of the grain bins into the SFTU Museum. Schools would be able to bring students for tours. They have been talking with Bill Carwell about donating the property for a tax credit and he seemed favorable to donate the property. There would need to be an appraisal and the city would pay for the appraisal. Mr. Long said they could not accept the property until they were ready to apply for the grant. Mr. Carwell could donate the property to the City and the City could donate the property to A-State when they were ready to apply for the grant. An architect had drawn up plans but there wasn't a cost of the renovations, a contractor was working on the cost.

The council members were excited about the possibility of the planned renovations.

Next on the agenda was to report on the 2021 Legislative Audit.

Mayor Glover said there were no adverse findings in the audit.

The meeting then moved to old business.

The bids to install the electronic water meters would be opened on June 23rd at noon. Mayor Glover invited the council members to come for the opening of the bids. He also reported the Verizon meters had not been delivered but should be in before the time to install.

The Dollar General store was set to go. The City had not received the survey of the proposed property. As soon as the survey was received the Zoning Committee would meet to rezone the property.

Charles reported that \$200.00 had been donated toward the Spay/Neuter grant.

There were questions about where the spay/neuter clinic would be.

Barbara said she would get with Rhonda Davis for the specifics of the spay/neuter clinic.

Charles reported that the corn patch was currently being watered. He also said that Chris Daniels and the company he works with have volunteered to take care of the fertilizing and watering of the corn patch in 2023.

Barbara reported the City's CDs had been renewed at a 1.05% rate for fifteen months.

Charles said there were four CDs that would not mature until June 21st. The Feds had raised the interest rate and he would check the rates to see if it might be best to renew them for a shorter term since the rates had started going up.

Charles reported that he would not be running for mayor.

Barbara asked if there were any prospects of getting a part-time officer.

Charles said the police chief had interview one person and it fell through. They are still looking for someone.

Barbara said she had some people talking to her about how the City could help make the schools safer with the school being so close to the interstate.

Tony said Poinsett County was going to do an active shooter drill in Marked Tree in July. He also said the Tyronza Police Department having a good working relationship with the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department will also add to school security.

Angie said the school had official guidelines for active school shooting. She also said between the security at the school and guidelines they already had in place and the working relationship with the current law enforcement she felt confident the Tyronza campus was very safe. She said there was an incident where the alarm was actually push during a drill and she was very impressed at how soon everyone showed up. She also said the next school board meeting would be the second Monday in July and will be held on the Tyronza campus. They will be discussing school security at the meeting.

Linda Hinton said that Marked Tree School will be getting a full-time school resource officer. She said the county would be providing a well-trained officer and he school would be paying the salary of the school resource officer.

Carissa asked if the City had a sweeper. She said she was concerned with the condition of the streets and sidewalks. She said there was broken glass and mud on the side walks and the curves.

Charles said the City did have a sweeper and he would take a look at the sidewalks.

Penny Toombs said she had been talking with local teachers of Family Consumer Services about their students planning and cooking lunches at the Senior Center. She said enough teachers that would cover one day a week for a month. The students would also stay after the meals to visit and play games with the Senior Citizens that came. It would start in Mid-September.

Linda Hinton said the grant committee did meet and decided since the fun park grant due date was so close and since the committee did not have enough time to get the information together to apply for the grant, they would wait until the next round to apply. She said things they had talked about was a bike trail down the old highway, putting in a ramp at they

Tyronza River for those who would want to put in canoes. She also said the grants were matching grants and the committee was looking for ways to raise matching funds.

Michael Hood asked about equipment inventories.

Charles said the inventories were being worked on.

Michael also said there were several street lights out.

Charles said the pole numbers of those lights that were out were needed to call in a repair.

Carissa Griffin asked what the regulations of driving a golf cart were. She asked if there were any city ordinances on driving golf carts.

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



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer