

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
March 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, Shirley Hindman and Michael Hood. A quorum was declared. Also at the meeting was 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 February 8th, 2022 special called 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 February 8th, 2022 special called meeting minutes. Tony Turner seconded by Shirley Hindman, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

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Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to approve the February 17th, 2022 regular meeting 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 February 2022, Barbara Ross, seconded by Tony Turner moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Charles said he would like to make a comment about the finances from the January meeting. He said Barbara had questioned a check that was written to his daughter, Emily Thomas. He said he probably wasn't clear because he had Zoomed in for the meeting and wasn't actually at the meeting. He said Emily had been approved, trained and had access to Narcan, a drug given to someone who has overdosed on drugs. The Poinsett County Sheriff's office called Emily and asked her to do a class for the Poinsett

County Deputies and some local police officers. Emily said that she would do the training. The fee for her to do the class was \$10.00 per person. She asked Charles if she could use the Tyronza Senior Center to do the class. He said she could. She had the class and there were 15 county deputies and city officers from Marked Tree and Lepanto. She was at Charles' house doing the bills for the class to give to the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department, City of Marked Tree and City of Lepanto. Charles said he told Emily to give him the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department's bill and said the City of Tyronza would pay their bill to thank them for all they have done for the City. He said that is why the City wrote a check to Emily. He said the City did not ask for the class but in recognition for what Poinsett county had done for Tyronza, he authorized the City of Tyronza to pay for the cost of the class for the Poinsett County deputies. He also said the Council would see in the February financials that he has reimbursed the City for the \$150.00 expense.

Barbara Ross questioned the City Hall's Entergy Bill only being \$11.04.

The R/T said that Entergy had posted the payments incorrectly.

Barbara said the park lights were coming on during the daytime and were off during the night time.

Charles said he would have them checked.

Shirley said she saw where Danny went to Little Rock to look at a tractor. She asked what kind of tractor did he look at.

Charles said he had been looking for a tractor to put the side mount mower on. He went to the surplus in Little Rock and there was a John Deere Tractor. It was a good looking tractor but it did not have a battery so he could not run the tractor. He asked Danny to get a battery and go to Little Rock to look at the tractor. Danny went and put the battery on the tractor and it started and ran good but when he tried to put the tractor in gear, it would not work.

Shirley asked if the mower could be put on a tractor the city already had.

Charles said he wanted to find a tractor to put the side mount mower on and leave it on the tractor. He said taking mower off and on every time was very difficult. He said an amount of \$15,000.00 was put in the budget to purchase a tractor to put the side mount mower on and to leave it on.

Michael Hood said the City did not have to spend it.

Charles said the City did not have to spend it but if he found a tractor for that amount he would.

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

Charles said due to there were a tremendous amount of tree limbs to pick up due to the recent ice storm. He said Danny and Matt had been picking up and hauling a lot of limbs. He said there were some trees that they could not get limbs out of the trees. He hired Jim Kline out of Gilmore to come into town to get those limbs. He will also be cutting dead limbs out of trees that would fall on the streets.

Charles said he had talked to the new police chief and the problem with him getting started was his wife worked at Wal-Mart and she was trying to get a transfer to a local Wal-Mart near Tyronza. The transfer should be coming through within the next day or so. He should be in town within the next week.

Charles said there was a new owner of the gas station. The new owner's name was Noor Jalal and he had talked to him a couple of times. The name of the gas station had been changed to Tyronza Express and the owner hopes to have it open within the next two weeks.

Shirley said the information she had was that it would open in two weeks whether the gas pumps were on or not. It would be cleaned the coming weekend. The Coke supplier would be there next week to put product up and that stock had been ordered to put in.

Charles reported the water meters had been ordered and should be delivered in May. He said when the meters came in bids would be taken to install the meters. The software for the meters was currently being prepared to install on the computer.

Charles reported that three dogs were currently being kept at the City's dog pound and they had been there for about a month. The Marked Tree Animal rescue had not sent any volunteers to feed and water the dogs. Matt and Danny had been feeding and watering the dogs. Charles said he had called Rhonda and she states she is trying to find a home for the dogs.

Barbara suggested making a post on Facebook to ask for volunteers.

Charles reported there had been an inquiry from Dollar General about putting a store in Tyronza. There should be an answer in a couple of weeks if they will be putting a store in. The location they are looking at to put the store was down the service road by Murray Brean's house. A business plan had been worked up by a real estate agent and given

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to Dollar General for them to make a decision. If Dollar General accepted the plan, the contact would close around October and then they would start building.

Barbara asked if any other land would be available for other businesses.

Charles said yes.

Charles said that was all on the agenda and asked if anyone else had anything to discuss.

Tony asked when Vector would start spraying for mosquitoes.

Charles said they usually start by putting out traps in April or May.

Barbara Ross asked if there was any feedback from the Highway Department about paving Main Street.

Charles said he talked to the person who was in charge of the upcoming street paving project about paving Main Street and a request had been submitted.

Barbara suggested putting around \$2,000.00 from unused police officer pay into LOPFI.

Charles said that currently, since January, \$1,200.00 a month was being taken out of the General Fund and being put into a LOPFI Reserve account. The account balance was currently \$2,450.00. He said he would like to wait and see how the rest of the year went before transferring any of the excess.

Barbara asked if Charles was going to wait on advertising for a police officer until the new police chief started.

Charles said yes. He said he would like to get the new chief here and then he would visit with him about a police officer.

Barbara asked if there were any applicants for the officer's job.

He said he had one or two for the officer's job.

Barbara said she listen to the webinar on the TAP/RTP grant. She said there was a 30% hold out for offroad trails. She said the City could apply for both grants and the amount of money was up to \$500,000.00. She suggested maybe working with the County and Marked Tree to provide an offroad trail using Old Highway 63 that runs to Marked Tree.

Charles said Penny Toombs from the STFU Museum called him about a possible grant for a learning center and thought they might be able to use some of the land at the Senior Center. She was supposed to send Charles more information.

Willie Harris then addressed the council about installing two speed bumps on the north end of Norcross Drive. She said there were around ten kids who played in the streets and vehicles were speeding down Norcross and the vehicles did not stop at the stop signs.

Charles said he thought speed bumps would work. He would like to wait until the new police chief went to work and work with him to see if he could make a difference in the traffic on Norcross.

Angie Allison said there were a handful of streets in town that were a concern.

Charles said he would recommend to wait and get the new police chief in town and see how his presence would make a difference.

Angie said police presence was only going to do as well as his hours.

Charles said that was true and if some tickets were handed out, the word would get out.

Angie asked if set work hours had been set for the new police chief.

Charles said he would start out on days and then would work on the hours after another officer or two part time officers were hired.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer