

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 19th, 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, Ann Humphrey, Shirley Hindman and Angie Allison. Absent: Tony Turner and 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 April 21st, 2022 regular city council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Ann Humphrey, 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 April 21st, 2022 regular city council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman 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 April 2022, Shirley Hindman, seconded by Barbara Ross moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Barbara said the Ritter Franchise fee was separated into two payments and one of the payments was only \$30.00. She said she asked the R/T to check into what the change was.

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

Mayor Glover then introduce Mark Spain as the police chief.

Mark introduced himself and told a little about his family.

Charles then talked about the Arkansas Delta Byways Innovative award that the City received. Linda Hinton nominated the City for the award. She then explained the award and the process to get the award.

Charles announced that the East Poinsett County girls' softball team had just placed second in the state tournament. He asked Noyl to write a resolution to commend the team for their successful year.

Noyl then read the proposed resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EAST POINSETT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM FOR IT TREMENDOUS SEASON" in full.

Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Charles reported that an Arkansas Highway Department grant was open and that he would like to appoint Linda Hinton as chair of a committee to look into not only the Arkansas Highway Department Grant and any other grants that the City might be able to apply for. Other members on the committee would be Chris McCorkle, Barbara Ross, Angie Allison and Ann Humphrey.

Charles then reported the ATT electronic waters meters, water meter boxes and water meter tops had been delivered. A request for bids to install the electronic water meters would be published in the Sunday edition of Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The bid opening would be June 23rd, 2022 at 12:00 pm. They successful bidder would have 120 days to install the meters.

Charles reported that he had checked on installing a fire hydrant at the end of Church Street and the cost would be around \$10,000.00. He suggested using the next round of ARPA funds to pay for the fire hydrant.

Barbara asked if there were any street lights at the end of Church Street.

There was discussion on where the last street light on Church Street was located.

One of the residents said it was very dark when she went out to walk her dogs.

Barbara said she thought that the street needed one or two street lights and she had people who lived on Church Street tell her it was very dark at the end of the street.

Charles said he would look into what lights where there.

Charles reported that he and Penny Toombs had been talking with Bill Carwell who owned the grain bins across from the museum. Mr. Carwell might be ready to donate the grain bins. He is in the process of getting an appraisal and the City might have to pay for the appraisal. Arkansas State University would like to have the grain bins to develop into a conference center. He said he would invite ASU to the June council meeting to talk more about the plans they have for the grain bins.

Charles reported the Dollar General would be building on the service road and it needed a 911 address. The street did not have a name. Charles said he talked to the highway department and with Noyl and was told the City had the complete right to name the street. Charles suggested naming the street East Drive to recognize the donation of land by the East family.

Noyl said the only thing the council would need to do was to vote on the name it wanted the street to be called.

Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison moved to name the service road East Drive. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The Zoning Board would be meeting as soon as there was a land description to consider rezoning the land where Dollar General planned to build. Dollar General representatives would be at the meeting.

Barbara said the City needed to look at putting a street light on East Drive also.

Barbara said she had some complaints about the Tyronza Express lights blinding people coming out from School Street. She asked if the City could ask the owner of Tyronza Express to angle the lights so that it would not shine on the street.

Charles said he would visit with the owner about the lights.

Angie said she had a citizen text her in regards to the street lights suggesting the City look at solar street lights.

Barbara said Rhonda Davis with the Marked Tree Animal Control picked up a bunch of cats on Church Street. Rhonda said to help with the population of dogs and cats in the City, she had a donor that had offered to do a \$1,000.00 matching grant for Tyronza if the City would come up with \$1,000.00 in donated money.

Barbara suggested putting the information out on Facebook to see how much money could be raised. She also suggested the City pay the difference to make the \$1,000.00 matching money.

Rhonda had made arrangements for the Wynne Animal Rescue Veterinarian Clinic to come to Tyronza and do a spay and neuter clinic.

Barbara asked if the council could ask Mark Spain and Danny Marrs to give them an equipment inventory list.

Mark said he was in the process of getting an inventory list.

Barbara asked Mark had an evidence room policy been setup.

Mark said one had been set up and it would have to be inventoried also.

With there being no further discussion, Angie Allison seconded by Barbara Ross moved to adjourn.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer