

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
April 20th, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Woods. With the roll having been called, the following council members were recorded as present: Barbara Ross, Willie Harris, Michael Hood, Angie Allison, Daniel Brewington. A quorum was declared. Candace Drace came in at 7:34 pm. Also at the meeting were Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood and City Attorney Noyl Houston.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the March 16th, 2023 regular city council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris, moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to approve the March 16th, 2023 regular city council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross 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.

Jeff asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for March, 2023 Barbara Ross, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then open for discussion on the expenditures.

Willie Harris asked about deposits in the amount of \$70.00 that was deposited into the Senior Account.

The R/T said it was the rental amount for the Senior Center.

Michael said he saw a check written to a James Manes and asked if that was the new police officer.

Jeff said James Manes was the new police officer.

Willie asked why was it that Marked Tree paid \$1.00 per month for mosquito spraying and the residents in Tyronza have to pay \$5.00 per month.

Barbara said that Marked Tree did their own spraying.

With there being no further discussion on the expenditures, the voting was unanimous to approve the March 23 expenditures.

The meeting then moved to new business.

Jeff reported that he had received a notice from Dedman that the garbage rate would be going up \$2.00 per can and 10% on the dumpsters on May 1, 2023. He said he called Marked Tree and Lepanto to check their garbage rates and didn't feel that Dedman was asking too much.

Barbara said she would have liked for Dedman to give the City more time to study the rate increase. She said she looked at Bay and Brookland's rates and they were cheaper than Tyronza's. She said Dedman offered Bay's Senior Citizens over 65 a \$2.00 discount.

Willie said the Senior Citizens needed to be considered in the rate increase.

Barbara said she wasn't upset with the \$2.00 increase, but would like to of had an explanation of why the increase was needed and for them to give the City at least until June 1, 2023 to increase the rates and to let the citizens know that there was going to be an increase.

The council decided to table the resolution to increase the garbage rates and Jeff would call and talk to Mr. Dedman and ask for more time and talk to him about the increase and a Senior Citizen Discount.

Mayor Woods said the Arkansas Municipal League was asking all cities to sign forms to participate in the Opioid Settlement that the State of Arkansas has received. He said it did not obligate the City to anything but for each town that did not participate, the State would loose around one million dollars from the settlement. The funds received from the settlement would be used to give Narcan to places and people that are trained to us it.

City Attorney Noyl Houston, then read the proposed resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FORMS" in full.

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

Jeff said the City had some old equipment and asked the council if they wanted to sell it and how they wanted to sell it.

Michael Hood said he thought the equipment should be put out individually and advertise for bids on the equipment.

Willie asked what old equipment was being considered to sell.

Jeff said the old white police car, the old red truck and there was some scrap iron that was piled up and some old water boxes.

Daniel asked if a value needed to be put on the car, and asked was it running.

Jeff said he suggested putting the vehicles out for bid and have the city employees to haul the scrap iron off.

Barbara said she thought they should leave it up to the Mayor to get rid of the stuff the best way he thought. The council was in agreement.

Jeff presented a bid for a ditch blade for the backhoe. The blade would be used to clean the ditches. The bid was from Stribbling Equipment in the amount of \$2,550.00.

Barbara asked where the money would come from to pay for the blade.

Jeff said the money would come out of the Street Funds to help maintain the streets.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris moved to purchase the ditch blade from Stribbling Equipment. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Jeff said that the Council needed to appoint a Zoning Inspector. He said Danny Marrs used to be the inspector and he had retired. He suggested Matt Huff. He said he had talked to Matt and he was agreeable to being the inspector. He would be paid \$20.00 per inspection.

Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison, moved to appoint Matt Huff as the City's Zoning Inspector. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to old business on the agenda.

Water board members needed to be appointed.

Barbara said two people who had services outside the City limits would need to be appointed.

Angie Allison seconded by Daniel Brewington moved to appoint Chris McCorkle and Harold Blackwood to the water advisory board. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Jeff reported that Keith Forrester decided not to rent the City's land at the City Park. The corn patch had been planted.

Jeff reported the fire hydrant had been installed on Church Street.

He also reported that the AR Dot form for Chris to mow at the interstate had been received.

The Dollar General Grand Opening would be April 29th.

The resolution to apply for recreation grant entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM OR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS" in full

Michael Hood seconded by Candace Drace, moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Donna Wood then addressed the council about putting a memorial bench at the downtown park. She said that Paul Sicca from the 1st Calvary passed away in February of 2019 and his friends donated money to have a bench installed at the park. Paul used to come to the Stars & Stripes Festival. The council members were given picture of the bench. The plan was to install the bench on a concrete slab at the flag pole.

Angie Allison seconded by Candace Drace moved to allow the bench to be installed at the downtown park near the flag pole. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Angie announced the Stars & Stripes Auction and BBQ Dinner the upcoming weekend.

Daniel Brewington asked to have a discussion on repealing the Golf Cart and ATV ordinances and creating a new one to allow people to ride ATVs and Side by Sides in a safe manner and under a set of guidelines. He gave each of the council members and he mayor a copy of a proposal to repeal any golf cart and/or ATV ordinance and create a new one to allow the safe use of golf carts, UTV's (aka Side by Sides), and ATV's on city streets.

Angie asked Daniel if he had a certain time he wanted to act on the proposal.

He said he did not, it could be table until the next month.

Daniel then read the first page which were his thoughts on a new ordinance.

Angie asked since Main Street was a State Highway, would that change things.

Jeff asked if Daniel had talked to Chief Spain to see what his thoughts were on his recommendations.

Daniel said that he had not talked to Chief Spain.

Jeff said he would like for it to be discussed with Chief Spain before any decisions were made.

The council then discussed some of the details of Daniels thoughts and suggestions.

Daniel asked the council members to take the proposal and look at it and look at the other ordinances that other ciies had. He would like to bring it back for discussion at the next council meeting.

Michael Hood asked what was going to be done to the city sign that had been partly blown down at the Interstate.

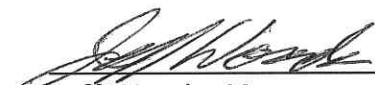
Barbara said it should probably be taken down. It had been replaced twice.

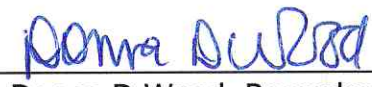
Jeff said he would check on the sign.

Barbara Ross said there were street lights that were out and needed to be reported for repairs.

Jeff said he has been driving around during the night and has got a list of lights that are out and has been reporting the lights for repair.

With there being no further discussion, Michael Hood seconded by Willie Harris moved to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.


Jeff Woods, Mayor


Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer