

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
December 21st, 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. Absent: Daniel Brewington and Angie Allison. Candace Drace came in at 7:30 pm. A quorum was declared with Mayor Woods being part of the quorum. Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood and City Attorney Noyl Houston were also at the meeting.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

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

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to approve November 16th, 2023, regular council meeting minutes. Willie Harris, seconded by Michael Hood, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, with Mayor Woods voting, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

The expenditures were next on the agenda.

Mayor Woods asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for November 2023, Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

Barbara Ross questioned if another fire hydrant was installed on Church Street. She saw a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 written on November 2nd, 2023, for a fire hydrant that was installed on Church Street.

Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood said the check was for the fire hydrant that was installed earlier in the year and that she had just received the invoice.

Michael Hood asked about a handgun that was purchased. He said he thought the police department already had a handgun.

Mayor Woods said the police department did not have a department handgun. The handgun was purchased for Police Chief Spain and he would be paying the City for the gun.

Willie Harris asked who the gun was registered too.

Mayor Woods said he was not sure but would find out.

Michael Hood questioned a check written in the water department to VC3 in the amount of \$516.88.

Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood said that was for two months. The monthly fee was \$258.44.

With there being no further discussion on the financials, a voice vote was then taken, and with Mayor Woods voting, the voting was unanimous to approve the November 2023 financials.

The amended budget was the first in new business.

Mayor Woods asked if there was any discussion on the proposed amended budget. There was none.

City Attorney Noyl Houston then read the proposed amended budget entitled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDED 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANSAS in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris, 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. The vote was as follows: Barbara Ross-yes; Willie Harris – yes; Mayor Jeff Woods-yes; Michael Hood-yes.

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.

Willie Harris, seconded by Michael Hood, 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 the roll was called and the voting was as follows: Willie Harris-yes; Mayor Jeff Woods, yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Michael Hood-yes.

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.

Michael Hood, seconded by Barbara Ross, moved the ordinance be adopted.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Barbara Ross-yes; Mayor Jeff Woods-yes; Willie Harris-yes and Michael Hood-yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

The renewal of the Arkansas Municipal League's Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance for elected officials and department heads was next to be discussed.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to renew the Arkansas Municipal League's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance. Upon a voice vote, with Mayor Woods voting, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The Firefighter's Income Protection Plan was also up for renewal.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris moved to renew the Firefighter's Income Protection Plan. Upon a voice vote, with Mayor Jeff Woods voting, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Discussion on changing the name of the west side of Oak Street was then discussed.

Recorder/Treasurer said that Robin Horton's daughter Heather had called and requested that her mother's address be changed. She said that no one can find her mom's house when trying to deliver packages. She also said she wanted to be sure that her mom could get EMS services to her address when it was needed.

After discussion, it was decided to table any action and for the City to contact the state 911 coordinator to see if an official address list for Tyronza could be obtained.

Mayor Woods then opened discussion on moving the police and fire dispatch to the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office. He said the city was currently paying \$600.00 a month for dispatch after hours, weekends and holidays. There would not be a monthly charge with the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office for dispatch. The Sheriff's Office was changing over to digital radios in about six months and would like to put a repeater system on one of the water towers, so they would not charge a monthly fee.

The Sheriff's Office was currently using AWIN radios. They would give Tyronza police one AWIN radio and the City would have to purchase two more radios. The cost of the radios would be \$2,300.00 each. The Sheriff's Office would continue to use the AWIN system along with the digital system.

Mayor Woods said he would request a written agreement to allow the repeater on the water tower in exchange for the Sheriff's Office dispatching for Tyronza.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to allow the Mayor to enter into a agreement on behalf of the City with the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department to have them provide emergency dispatch services for Tyronza in return for allowing the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department to place a repeater on the Tyronza water tower.

Upon a voice vote, with the Mayor voting, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to authorize the Mayor to purchase two AWIN radios. Upon a voice vote, with the Mayor voting, the voting was unanimous.

Cynthia Abel with AARP foundation talked to Chery Woods about having someone 55 or older work part-time at the Senior Center. It would be an on-the-job training program. Someone would have to be at the Senior Center when the worker was there. Cheryl said she would be willing to work with that person. There was a question on if the AARP Foundation would allow a community volunteer to work with the trainee or if it had to be an employee of the City. Contact would be made with Ms. Abel to answer the question.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to participate in the AARP Foundation program. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods reported that he had applied for the Street Aide grant program. A letter was received and the City did not receive the grant for the current year. The application would stay on the list for future funding.

At the last council meeting there was discussion about the old car wash being torn down and Michael Hood said there was an electrical wire still attached to the building. Mayor Woods said he called Entergy and they could not find the location. He went to the car wash to see if he could find any information on the pole and he saw where the wire had already been disconnected from the pole but it was still connected to the car wash.

Michael Hood said he would like to commend the ladies who worked at the Senior Citizens for cooking and their community outreach. He said he would like for them to receive a plaque with their names on it to hang on a wall at the Senior Center.

Michael Hood seconded by Barbara Ross moved for the City to purchase a plaque for the ladies at the Senior Center to recognize them for their outstanding community outreach they were doing in Tyrone. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods introduced Jacob McDaniel the new police officer. Jacob would be going to the police academy starting January 8th and would graduate April 4th. He has moved to Tyrone.

Barbara Ross asked if there was any news on the grant for the walking trail.

Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood said there hasn't been any news.

Barbara Ross asked if another crop would be planted on the land by the park or should a committee be formed to decide what to do with the land at the park. Mayor Woods said he would serve on the committee. Barbara Ross and Willie Harris said they would serve on the committee also.

Barbara said her idea for the land was to make it into a rodeo arena. She said she would like to see Steve and Carissa Griffin get involved in the planning.

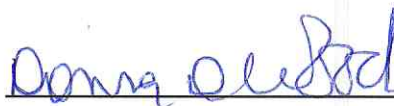
Candace suggested contacting Susie McCorkle for information also.

Mayor Woods asked Barbara if she would head the committee. Barbara said she would be on the committee but doesn't think she could head the committee.

With there being no further business, Michael Hood seconded by Candace Drace moved to adjourn the meeting.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna Wood, Recorder/Treasurer