

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
February 16th, 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: Daniel Brewington, Barbara Ross, Candace Drace, Willie Harris and Michael Hood. Absent: Angie Allison. A quorum was declared. Recorder /Treasurer Donna Wood and City Attorney Noyl Houston were also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the December 15th, 2022, and January 19th, 2023, regular council meeting minutes and the February 3rd, 2023 special called meeting. 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 Glover asked if there was a motion to approve the December 15th, 2022, and January 19th, 2023 regular council meeting minutes and the February 3rd, 2023 special called meeting. Candace Drace 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.

Mayor Woods asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for February 2023, Barbara Ross, seconded by Daniel Brewington moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then opened to discussion on the expenditures.

Michael Hood questioned why two checks were written to Danny Marrs on January 13th, 2023.

R/T Dona Wood said one check was for payroll that week and the other check was for vacation time that was paid.

Michael Hood said the check written for the paddle wheel looked like it was to rebuild the paddle wheel.

Michael Hood asked what the check written to Circle R was for.

R/T Wood said it was for bugs that is put in the sewer pond to eat the solids out of it.

Candace Drace asked about a check written out of Act 833 to Airgas USA.

R/T Donna Wood said it was a lease on oxygen cylinders that were used for first response calls.

Willie Harris asked if the check written to Charles Glover to reimburse the yearly web domain fee for the city's website going to be an annual payment.

R/T Donna Wood said the domain fee was an annual payment for the city's website.

Michael Hood asked if more would have to be paid on the unfunded court liability.

R/T Donna Wood said there was still a balance.

Willie Harris asked what would be done to collect the occupation permit fee from those who had not paid.

R/T Donna Wood said the permit fee was due on February 1st and a second notice would be sent out to those who had not paid.

There being no further discussion on the financials, a voice vote was then taken, and the voting was unanimous to approve the February 2023 financials.

The meeting then move to the items in new business.

Barbara Ross asked that dog complaints be put on the agenda.

She said she had two complaints. One was about a dog running loose and dug holes underneath a fence allowing the property owners dog to get out and then the dog was attacked by the dog running loose. The other complaint was from someone who walked their dog on a leash not being able to because a dog running loose would chase and bark at them.

Barbara said the City may need to build on to the current dog pen. The City's current dog pen was full of dogs that the Marked Tree Animal Rescue had put in the pens and had been there for some time.

The council members, Mayor Woods and City Attorney were given copies of all the dog ordinances.

Mayor Woods said that he would start enforcing the dog ordinances by having the police chief to start issuing tickets to dog owners who let their dogs run loose.

He also said that he met with Linda Hall who was helping the Marked Tree Animal Rescue with the dogs in the Tyrone dog pound and he would be meeting with Rhonda Davis with the Marked Tree Animal Rescue on Monday.

Barbara Ross asked which of the dog ordinances was legal.

Noyl said they were all legal, the newer ones superseded the older ones.

Barbara suggested the ordinance be posted on the City's website and in other public places to let residents know about the ordinance's rules and regulations.

Mayor Woods told the council if they had any ideas on how to control dogs to let R/T know about their ideas.

Daniel Brewington said he thought there should be an exemption to allow pit bulls in town if they are kept indoors and have been spayed or neutered. He said they would not be vicious.

Daniel asked how many people currently licensed their dogs.

R/T Donna Wood said very few.

He then said he felt like the part of the ordinance that required the license should be repealed.

Barbara Ross said the tag that was given for the dog to wear helped to identify who the dog belonged to when it got out and that it was also to prove the dog had its rabies vaccination.

Willie Harris asked who would enforce the ordinances.

Mayor Woods said that police chief Mark Spain would be issuing tickets to dog owners whose dog was running loose.

Next to be discussed in new business was the land behind the city park.

Mayor Woods reported that Rollen Smith has in the past farmed the land and the City received a portion of what the crops produced. Mr. Smith told Mayor Woods he would no longer be farming the land. Mr. Smith suggested contacting Chris McCorkle. Chris did not want to farm it because it was a small piece of land. Mr. Smith said that Keith Forrester would be farming his part of the land. He would be growing peas. Mr. Forrester is interested in renting the land.

Barbara asked if Mr. Forrester wanted to rent it long term or year by year.

Noyl said it is usually a yearly lease when renting farmland.

Mayor Woods asked if the council were agreeable to talk to Mr. Forrester about renting the land. The council was agreeable.

Mayor Woods said that Danny Marrs had talked to him about getting some gravel on the road going to the sewer pond. He said he had talked to Poinsett County and they could get slag for five dollars per ton. Poinsett County would haul the slag and spread it for the cost of five dollars per ton.

The council asked if Danny thought the slag would work.

Mayor Glover said he would get with Danny and see if it would work.

The council was agreeable to purchase the slag.

The meeting then moved to old business on the agenda and first to be discussed was Chris McCorkle mowing at the overpass.

Barbara asked about getting an agreement for the Arkansas Highway Department.

The agreement would state that Chris was an individual contractor and would be paid \$600.00 per month, he would mow twice a month, and that he did have adequate liability insurance.

Mayor Woods would check on getting the appropriate paper work from the Arkansas Highway Department and would also check to see if the City needed the same agreement for the mowing it does at the overpass.

Discussion on putting a fire hydrant on Church Street was next on the agenda in old business.

The council members were given two bids on installing one fire hydrant on Church Street.

Candace Drace said she thought it was planned to put two fire hydrants on Church Street.

Mayor Woods said he met with Fire Chief Chris Daniels and they looked where to put the fire hydrant and decided that one would do for now and it should be installed at the end of Christine Gardner's property.

Willie Harris expressed concern about it not being close enough for the Tacker's house on Church Street.

Discussion then turned to the bids. Mayor Woods said there wasn't enough savings in the bids with Matt installing the fire hydrants after the pipe was laid than to let the bidders complete the job.

Barbara Ross seconded by Candace Drace moved to put the installation of one fire hydrant on Church Street out for bids. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods said he spoke with Mark McDaniel about paying for the repair the City paid for so that the police chief could live in Mark's house located at 370 S Main Street. Mark said he would pay for what was just to pay for. The Mayor and Mr. McDaniel would be meeting to look at the expenses.

R/T Wood said Armor Bank needed the minutes to reflect who should be on the signature card for the safe deposit box.

Daniel Brewington seconded by Barbara Ross moved that Mayor Jeff Woods and Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood would be the persons put on the signature card of the City's lock box at Armor Bank. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Fire Chief Chris Daniel spoke to the council about the squad truck.

He said the squad truck was now fixed. He also said he had been talking with the Lepanto Fire Department and they are interested in the squad truck. They have a smaller rescue truck that they are interested in swapping even with for the squad truck. Lepanto brought their rescue truck over to the Tyronza Fire Department and the firefighters looked at the truck and drove the truck and said they liked the truck. Lepanto's rescue truck is a 2000 Ford F350 ambulance converted to a squad truck.

Mayor Woods asked Chris if he ever got a value of the two trucks.

Chris said he had looked and was not able to get a value of the two trucks.

Michael Hood seconded by Candace Drace moved to swap Tyronza's squad truck for Lepanto's 2000 Ford F350 Rescue Truck. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

With there being no further business, Barbara Ross seconded by Willi Harris moved to adjourn. Voting was unanimous to approved. The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Jeff Woods



Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood