

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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, Willie Harris and Michael Hood. Absent: Angie Allison, Candace Drace . 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting minutes Willie Harris seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting minutes Barbara Ross seconded by Daniel Brewington, 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 question checks written to Danny Marrs.

The R/T said Danny's anniversary date was January 30<sup>th</sup>, he accumulated three more weeks of vacation and the extra checks written to Danny were for his vacation since he was retiring.

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 moved to new business on the agenda.

Brenda Cox with the Poinsett County Extension Agency is applying for a grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's High Obesity Program grant. The grant requires cross-sector partnerships and community partners. She is asking the City of Tyronza to sign a Memorandum of Agreement to support the grant application and be a community partner of the grant.

Barbara said the grant was a grant for Poinsett County and wanted to know if it would benefit Tyronza.

The R/T said the grant would be open for city to apply for funds to use in the city.

Barbara Ross seconded by Daniel Brewington moved to authorized the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Poinsett County Extension Agency. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to the first item in old business.

The contract with Chris McCorkle to mow at the on and off ramps at the Highway 118 overpass was next to be discussed.

A proposed contract was provided to the council members and a proposed resolution would authorize the contract and incorporate the terms of the contract.

Noyl read the proposed resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FOR CONTRACT WITH LCM LAND, LLC" in full.

Barbara Ross asked had the paperwork from the Arkansas Highway Department been received.

Mayor Woods said it had not been received and that he had contacted several people with the Highway Department.

Barbara Ross asked if it would be a one-year renewable contract.

Chris McCorkle said that it would be however long the City wanted it to be.

Barbara said she would like to see the term length of the permit from the Highway Department.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to adopt the resolution.

Michael Hood asked if the resolution was approved, would the City wait until the form from the Highway Department was received before the contract started.

Mayor Woods said they could wait until the form from the Highway Department was received before starting the mowing.

Mayor Woods said the City had verbal permission to do the mowing, the written permission had not been received.

Barbara said she thought the form from the Highway Department was to make sure the person who would be doing the mowing had liability insurance.

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

Fire Hydrant bids was next on the agenda.

Mayor Woods said he had called the contractor to come out and put the fire hydrant in. Chris Daniels and Matt Huff went out to mark the spot where the fire hydrant would be installed. He called the contractor who had the \$7,500.00 bid to go ahead and install the fire hydrant.

Mayor Woods spoke to the dog complaints. He said Chief Spain would be taking over the dog pound. They City couldn't do anything with current dog problems due to dogs the Marked Tree Animal Rescue has had in the dog pens for over a year. He said Chief Spain would be drawing up plans to bring them before the council for their approval.

Mayor Woods said he would be upholding the City ordinances concerning dogs.

Mayor Woods then addressed the farmland where the community corn patch was grown. Keith Forrester addressed the council about the land. Keith said he had talked to Rollen Smith about his land next to the city's land and about him renting the land and planting peas. Rollen then mentioned the City's land and that Keith might want to check with the City about renting the land and planting peas on it also. Keith said he had talked to Mayor Woods about how much the rent would be for the City's land. He also said he talked to Mayor Woods about planting and working the corn patch for the City. He said he would work the corn patch for enough corn to cover his cost to work it. He said he would pay \$1,875.00 to rent the City's land.

The council was agreeable to renting the land to Keith for \$1,875.00 and for him to work the corn patch and him take enough corn to cover his cost of working the corn patch.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to approve Noyl to write up a contract to rent the land to Keith Forrester. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Joe Drace and Justin Howard have donated three bags of corn each through Nutrien. Chris Daniel would bring the corn down when the ground was ready for planting.

Jeff said he would like to move back to the fire hydrant business. He asked for a motion to award GCE the contract to install the fire hydrant. Daniel Brewington seconded by Michael Hood moved to award GCE the contract to install the fire hydrant. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods asked if there was any other business that needed to be discussed.

Barbara asked if the council needed to move forward on appointing someone to the water board or had the act been voted out.

The R/T said the act had not been voted out and that there was a new bill that had been presented to take the place of the first one. It had not been voted on yet.

Daniel asked if the City knew what kind of condition the sidewalk on Frisco Street was in. He said he knew it was covered in grass.

Jeff said he had scooped the dirt off of the sidewalk on his and the sidewalk was in good condition. He also said that Jerry Smith had started from the gas station and worked his way down the sidewalk to clear it off.

Mayor Woods said that Joey Greene had been hired as the new Street worker and he had been working on cleaning the streets.

Harold Kirk then asked if he could address the council. He said he knew some letters were going out asking people to clean up their property. He said he was not at the meeting to defend Richard Snow and that he had a junkyard where he was living. He said there was a problem, he was asked by the police chief to move his trailer that was over at Richard Snows. He said the trailer was there for Richard Snow to load his metal on. He said half of the things would have been gone if he had not been asked to move the trailer. He was asked to move the trailer due to a complaint. He said his trailer was sitting in a utility right of way forty inches off of the pavement. He said that was legal. He said he moved the trailer. He said he has seen people have things parked where there was no parking and nothing has been said to them. He said that bothered him.

Jeff said he was aware of the complaint and that when there was a complaint the police chief would address the complaint.

Willie asked if the ordinance included non-workable vehicles. She said there was one on Banks Street that had been there for three or four years. Wille said letters needed to be sent to the owners.

Jeff said letters were sent to property owners in which multiple complaints had been made.

Noyl said there was an ordinance that prohibited the keeping of junk vehicles on the premises. There is a notice requirement and there was a notice to remove requirement in the ordinance.

Stacey Rhinehart and Corrie Hicks asked to speak to the council about problems on Pecan Street.

There complaints were not being able to let their children out in the yard due to the burning of trash in their neighborhood, the cursing and fighting, illegal drugs, the frequent traffic at all times of the day and night, two abandoned houses one was burnt, and dogs running loose.

Mayor Woods said they had several issues. He said the City was currently working on the dog issue. Currently nothing could be done about the dogs because the city did not have any place to put the dogs but they were currently working on getting the dogs in the kennels out.

He said as far as the junky houses, letters had been sent out to property owners. The abandoned properties were on his list.

Kevin and Karmin Skipper addressed the council about getting a committee together and having the Stars & Stripes Festival.

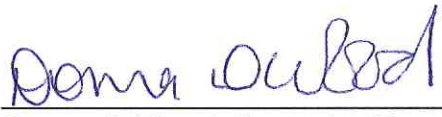
The council was in agreement for the committee and having the Stars & Stripes Festival.

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



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Jeff Woods, Mayor



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Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer