

TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
June 15th, 2023

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

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

R/T Wood asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the May 18th, 2023, regular council meeting minutes Barbara Ross seconded by Candace Drace, moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous.

R/T Wood asked if there was a motion to approve May 18th, 2023, regular council meeting minutes. Candace Drace seconded by Willie Harris, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

The expenditures were next on the agenda.

R/T Wood asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for May 2023, Angie Allison , seconded by Candace Drace moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then opened to discussion on the expenditures.

R/T Wood said there was an invoice in which Matt Huff had ordered some marking flags that had been paid. There was an error on the invoice which resulted in the City being billed too much for the flags. The invoice had been corrected and a credit had been issued.

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

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

Adam with ASU gave an update on the grant ASU received for the renovation of the grain bins.

He said the grant that was applied for through the Arkansas Natural Resources Council was approve for the full amount of 1.9 million dollars on May 10th, 2023. The money would become available on July 1, 2023. He said they had a year to complete the project and a possible one-year extension. He said they were looking at a two-year time frame from July 1, 2023, to complete the project. He also said the Arkansas Natural Resources Council distributes the 8.5% real estate transfer tax for state properties of historic or natural significance. He said it was money that comes from the community and then is redistributed back to the community.

Adam also said the project would go through the state bidding process. He said there would be a few months of paperwork before there would be any actual work done. He said he would keep the City updated through the Mayor as the project progressed.

Angie said she wanted to thank Adam and Penny for all the work they had done on the project. She said she thought it was going to be a great thing.

Barbara asked had the architectural drawing been completed yet.

Adam said it had not been completed. He said they were putting out qualifications for an architect and couldn't hire anyone until July 1st.

Barbara said she would like to see a picture of proposed project hung up so that the citizens could see what the project was going to look like and hopefully it would encourage others to clean up the rest of the block located near the project.

Adam said they would hire an architect to prepare the plans and then the plans would have to be approved by the state.

Noyl said the deed was ready for when the Mayor got back and the council had already approved the execution and conveyance of the property when the resolution approving the memorandum of agreement was approved at the February 2023 meeting.

The next agenda item was to discuss the needs and wants of the Tyronza Park. The City is applying for a grant and one of the requirements was to have public input at a council meeting.

Councilmember Barbara Ross gave information on the grant. The grant was in the amount of \$100,000.00 with no matching funds required. The City was planning on applying for funds to resurface the walking trail and then use any excess money to upgrade the playground equipment by adding a handicap accessible swing and merry go round, update the swings and add engineered type cushioning around the playground equipment for it to be safe.

She then asked for public input on anything else the public might want to see at the park in the future or if there was anything they wanted added to the current grant application. She said there were no grants available for water recreation. She said the only way to get grant money for a splash pad would be for the City to pay half the cost.

Angie said the proposed project of resurfacing the trail, adding handicap accessible equipment would take all the \$100,000.00 grant money that was currently being applied for.

Other ideals that were mentioned were shade canopies over the playground structures, tennis court, bathrooms and soccer nets.

Michael said the city should go ahead and get a couple of swings for the little kids.

A community activity day was scheduled for June 29th, 2023, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at the park.

Noyl then read the proposed resolution, "RESOLUTION FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES" in full.

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

Discussion on purchasing a new police vehicle was next on the agenda.

Police Chief Mark Spain the told the council about the current 2016 Ford Explorer. He said the vehicle had 120,000 miles, the low oil pressure and check engine light kept coming on, there was a knock in the engine. He said it wasn't a matter of if the car would go down, but when the car would go down. He said Officer Manes would be going to academy soon and he did not trust the vehicle to get him back and forth to the academy.

Michael Hood asked if the car was taken to the place where the motor was put in.

Make said it had not been taken back to that repair shop. He had taken it to Timmy's Auto and Tire Shop in Tyrone.

Angie said they needed to consider that Chief Spain was the dog catcher too.

Chief Spain presented a quote from the State Purchasing contract for a new 2023 Dodge Ram Truck. The price was \$35,000.00 and there would be an additional cost of \$10,000.00 to put equipment on the truck.

He also presented a quote of a used 2021 Dodge Ram pickup that the Greene County Sheriff's Department was selling. The truck had all the equipment and the only thing the City would have to do was put a radio in the unit and it would be ready to go. It was a K-9 unit and had a dog cage in it. The truck had 42,500 miles on it. It was being sold because they did not have the K9 anymore and they did not want to keep the truck as a spare truck. The cost of the truck was \$42,500.00

Angie Allison said she thought it would be a good move to purchase the used 2021 Dodge Ram Truck.

Willie Harris said the city would have to pay for signage to go on the unit.

Michael Hood said he was a little gun shy on purchasing a vehicle. He said the City has spent money and spent money on vehicles because of stupidity.

After further discussion, the council was in agreement to purchase the used 2021 Dodge Ram pickup from the Greene County Sheriff's department.

Noyl would prepare an ordinance to purchase the vehicle while the council discussed other items on the agenda.

In old business bids on the 2011 Crown Vic, the 1954 Ford Truck and three piles of scrap metal were discussed. The 2011 Crown Vic was awarded to Michael Hood for \$100.00, the 1954 Ford Truck was awarded to Rodney Harris in the amount of \$526.00. The pile of Street scrap iron was awarded to Michael Hood in the amount of \$55.00, the old water meters were awarded to Randy Lucas in the amount \$1007.00 and the meter boxes were awarded to Michael Hood in the amount of \$101.00.

Candace Drace said the fire department would need to replace 6 to 7 turnouts in 2024.

Barbara said the City needed to look into purchasing an AED for the Senior Center.

Noyl said he had the ordinance ready, He then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE WAVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PURCHASE OF USED 2021 DODGE RAM CREW CAB PICKUP EQUIPPED FOR USE BY POLICE AS K-9 UNIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Willie Harris, seconded by Angie Allison, 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 Recorder/Treasurer put the question on the adoption of the motion to the council, and the roll was called. The vote was as follows: Angie Allison-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Candace Drace-yes; Willie Harris – yes; Michael Hood-no.

The Recorder/Treasurer 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.

Angie Allison, seconded by Candace Drace, 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 Recorder/Treasurer 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; Michael Hood-no; Barbara Ross-yes; Angie Allison -yes; Candace Drace-yes.

Thereupon, the Recorder/Treasurer 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.

Angie Allison, seconded by Willie Harris, moved the ordinance be adopted.

The question was put by the Recorder/Treasurer to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Candace Drace-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Angie Allison-yes, Michael Hood-no; Willie Harris-yes.

Angie Allison seconded by Barbara Ross moved to adopt the emergency clause.

The question was put by the Recorder/Treasurer to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Angie Allison-yes; Barbara Ross- yes; Candace Drace-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Michael Hood-yes

Recorder/Treasurer Wood thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

A resolution to increase the garbage rate was next on the agenda.

There was a question on whether Mayor Woods was able to get a Senior Citizen discount. The R/T said that Mayor Woods had called Mr. Dedman and they were still working on the discount.

Noyl then read the proposed resolution titled "RESOLUTION INCREASING GARBAGE AND SANITATION RATES TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS DUE TO INCREASE IN RATES CHARGED BY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PROVIDER SERVING THE CITY" in full.

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

Michael said with any future rate increases from Dedman, he would like someone from Dedman's Sanitation to come to a council meeting.

There being no further business, Angie Allison seconded by Candace Drace moved to adjourn.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer