

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 18th, 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, Michael Hood, Angie Allison and Candace Drace. A quorum was declared. Recorder /Treasurer Donna Wood was also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the April 20th, 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.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to approve April 20th, 2023, regular council meeting minutes. Angie Allison 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 April 2023, Willie Harris, seconded by Barbara Ross moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then opened to discussion on the expenditures.

Barbara questioned a receipt in the amount of \$690.10. The receipt was for the monthly state turnback funds.

Michael questioned who Andrew Perry was. Mr. Perry was on the Tyronza Volunteer Fire Department. He left the fire department and received his fire pay.

Barbara said she noticed the state sales tax was a little less than it had been.

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

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

Penny Toombs and Adam with ASU rescheduled for the June 2023 meeting.

Discussion on how to use the ARPA Funds was next on the agenda.

The Recorder/Treasurer said the funds had to be obligated before December 31, 2024.

Angie Allison asked if there were any regulations on how it could be spent.

The Recorder/Treasurer said the money was claimed as lost revenue and it could be spent on any city services.

Angie asked if there was something the fire department needed.

Suggestions included cameras for the city.

Tearing down the old car wash property and cleaning it up.

Candace asked if there were any plans for the car wash property.

Jeff said there were no definite plans, just a few thoughts about what could go there and what could go in several other spots in town.

Fix city sign.

Jeff said that he had talked to Justin Cox and he said he would donate \$1,000.00 to the city for a city sign. He also said he would commit to mowing around the sign.

Daniel asked what needed to be done to the sign.

Jeff said he felt there needed to be a new sign. Part of the old sign had been blown away several times and something needed to be there that would stand up to the winds when it blew.

Candace asked if the City was still considering getting another sign to put on the other end of town.

Jeff said that was being considered.

Upgrade the dog pound by adding three more kennels.

Candace asked who was in charge of the dog pound.

Jeff said that he was in charge and that Chief Spain was taking care of the dogs.

Angie asked if the dogs were being vetted and then adopted out.

Jeff said they were following the dog ordinances.

Barbara said she would like to give the dogs a chance to be adopted.

Repairing the Stars & Stripes stage was another suggestion on how to use the funds.

Willie said she was told it was literally falling apart and the back side needed some repairs.

Angie said that Daniel had been working on the stage.

Daniel said they had built new steps up to the stage and after the festival this year they probably needed to get under the stage and replace some floor joists and work on the railing on the other side of the stage where the wheelchair ramp was located. He said after the work was done it was just a matter of keeping it up by water sealing and whatever else needed to be done.

Barabara suggested looking at new tractors and mowers. She also said the 2016 Ford Explorer was having work done on it every month, and they may need to look at replacing it. She said they could look at what the state purchasing contracts were for 2023 was on police cars.

Michael said they needed to look at maintenance on the city's buildings.

Angie asked when the deadline was for knowing how the money would be used.

The Recorder/Treasurer said it had to be obligated by December 2024. The next reporting period would be April 2024.

The AirMedCare renewal was due.

The Recorder/Treasurer said an application was put in each of the council member's packet. This was a service that was offered to the city for all employees, firefighters and elected officials. The renewal fee was a discounted fee in the amount of \$65.00. Whoever wanted the service would pay the City \$65.00 and the City would write one check for the memberships.

In old business, Dedman's sanitation rate increase was first to be discussed.

Jeff said he finally got to talk to Mr. Dedman after trying several times. Mr. Dedman said he would delay the increase until June 1st.

Jeff said he also talked to Mr. Dedman about the Senior Citizen Discount. Mr. Dedman asked for a number of who would get the discount. He got the number but had not got back to Mr. Deadman with the numbers at that time.

A resolution to increase the sanitation rates will be done at the June meeting.

Discussion on repealing ATV/Golf Cart ordinances and passing new ordinances was next to be discussed.

The floor was then open to discussion.

Daniel asked the council members had they changed their minds since last month.

Barbara said she didn't think she would vote for it because the council had tried about four times to work something out to let people ride four wheelers in designated places and it did not work.

Angie said she still has four wheelers coming down the street in front of her house.

Barbara said she might consider something for side by sides during the daytime.

Daniel said that was something he was going to mention to the council, taking the ATVS out and working something out for side by sides.

Candace said she thought they would have the same issue if side by sides were allowed. Those who were riding four wheelers would think that because people were riding side by sides were allowed they would allow four wheelers.

Angie said she had a problem with allowing ATVS and side by sides to be driven on state highways. She said ethically a crime was a crime. She asked where do you find the middle ground. She said that was where she was struggling.

Daniel said City's don't always see eye to eye with State law and State law does not always see eye to eye with Federal laws. He said it would be up to the State to push back on it and you didn't see that happening in other towns.

Angie said but a law is a law. She said she had a problem telling someone it was ok to ride an ATV or side by side on Main Street when there was a state law that said you could not.

Daniel said he thought local municipalities should be able to govern their own jurisdictions.

Willie said she didn't think local governments could supersede what state law said.

Daniel said the state would have to choose to push back.

Angie asked about the penalties for disobeying the new proposed ordinance.

Daniel said he thought it was if a person got three speeding tickets, they would get their registration pulled for one year. If a ticket was issued for reckless driving, the registration would be pulled immediately.

Jeff said he was at Lepanto the past week and it was a mad house with the ATVS and four wheelers. He said it didn't look good at all.

Barbara asked if the police chief had mentioned any problems with ATVS.

Angie said he was currently working on one.

Jeff said the police chief did not have a big issue with them right now compared to what he did when he first started working.

Daniel said he got that if one person saw someone doing something they would think it was ok for them to be doing it too.

Jeff asked Daniel if he got to talk to Chief Spain.

Daniel said that he had not talked to Chief Spain.

Angie said she felt that Daniel's intent was for the kids to have something to do and she wasn't saying that she did not think they needed something for them to do. She said if the age limit was 18 or older unless they were with a parent, that would be hard to do. She said most parents would not ride beside their kid.

Michael Hood suggested more work be done on the proposal.

The council decided to table any further discussion for a different time.

Jeff said it would be at least six weeks before the ditch blade would come in. He said the one they were looking at was sold and they had to build a new one.

Angie asked if the ditch blade would only be used on ditches on Main Street.

Jeff said it would be used for all ditches in city limits wherever it was needed.

The sale of the police car and 1954 Truck have been let for bids.

Do not have anything posted on the sale of scrap metal.

The deadline for the police car and truck was May 26th.

Jeff announced the Stars & Stripes Festival would be June 2 & 3rd. Help was needed. The council was very appreciative of all those who helped raise funds, worked on the stage and have helped plan the festival.

Jeff gave thanks to the ladies who have been working at the Senior Center. He said the City needed help throughout the town, not only for the festival.

Angie said there would soon be a community meeting about the City needing extra help.

Jeff said he also wanted to thank Joe Drace Farm for planting the corn patch, Nutrien for putting the chemicals out, Rollen Smith for preparing the ground.

Jeff wanted to thank everyone who came out for the Stars & Stripes Auction and the auctioneer.

The Recorder/Treasurer addressed the council about updating the VC3, IT in the Box agreement. She said a computer for the mayor had been added to the network. The current agreement was for two computers, which were the water computer and court/city computer. After discussion, Barbara Ross seconded by Candace Drace, moved to update the VC3 contract to add the computer for the mayor to the agreement. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Candace Drace said she had someone on Church Street to ask for the City to put speed bumps back on the street. She said she was not asking the council to vote on it and she knew there was history there and asked someone to tell her what happened.

The Recorder/Treasurer said there was a petition signed by the residents on Church Street presented to the council to remove the speed bumps. She said there were problems with vehicles going up into residents' yards to go around the speed bumps.

Candace asked how she would tell that person to go about getting the speed bumps back.

The Recorder/Treasurer suggested that letters be sent to the residents on Church Street asking them if they would be for the speed bumps.

Angie suggested having that person get a petition signed by the residents on Church Street asking for the speed bumps.

Jeff said there was one person who was asking for speed bumps on Junction Street also.

Jeff said the petition would then need to be brought to the council.

Jeff then said he met with Ritter Arnold about the subdivision he was planning to build off Memphis Street and the West end of Church Street. A map was given to the council members on different phases of the project. It also showed where he planned on putting streets. Mr. Arnold was currently in the process of having a survey completed. Mr. Arnold would be meeting with an engineer about the connectivity to the City's water and sewer system.

Candace questioned if Mr. Arnold planned on purchasing the one house at the corner of Church and Memphis.

Barbara said the Master Street plan had planned for the dirt road on the proposed property to go from Church Street to the old road by the railroad track.

Jeff said he would get the Master Street Plan out and review it with Mr. Arnold.

Barbara asked if all the land that Mr. Arnold proposed developing was in city limits.

Jeff said that he wasn't sure.

Barbara said if all the land wasn't in city limits, the city needed to annex it into the city limits.

Angie said the property would have to be rezoned.

Candace asked why Blackwood Lane could not be annexed into the City limits.

Barbara said in the past the residents on Blackwood Lane did not want to be annexed into the city limits. She also said that within five years of annexation, the city would have to offer them city services and the city was just not able to do that at this time.

Michael asked if Mr. Arnold had any plans for when he would start the development.

Jeff said he was already starting with the survey.

Chris Daniel then addressed the council about replacing the lights at the fire department with LED lights. He said Entergy offered a program where they would pay 50% to replace the current lights with LED lights. He said he had someone come to the fire department to get a quote on what it would cost to replace the lights. The city would have to pay \$1,572.00 to have the lights replaced. By replacing the lights there would be an estimated \$777.00 annual savings. It would take two months from start to finish. There were several lights out in the fire department that will need to be replaced.

Michael Hood seconded by Willie Harris moved to approve the proposal to replace the lights at the fire department with LED lights. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Chris also said that Anheuser Bush was donating one pallet of drinking water to the fire department. The water would be delivered in July.

The fire department had a Wildland Fire class scheduled on the Saturday of Stars & Stripes.

Michael Hood asked about getting some trees trimmed.

Jeff said cutting trees during hot weather could kill trees. He said there were some trees that were trimmed at the first of the year.

Barbara said part of applying for the Fun Park Grant was to have an activity day at the park.

Jeff said they had a meeting with the project manager at the park which was also part of the grant process.

Other requirements to apply for the grant are to have a public meeting and pass a resolution to apply for the grant. The application deadline is in August.

The volunteer day was scheduled for June 4th. They will meet after lunch.

Jeff asked the council to be thinking about the eclipse and what the city could do to accommodate all the visitors that could possibly be coming to town.

Candace asked if there could be a city event that day.

Michael Hood asked about getting port-a-potties for the city park for the summer months.

Jeff would check prices for port-a-potties for the months of June through September and if he saw that it was reasonable to get them.

Michael said one needed to be a handicap accessible.

Jeff suggested putting up a fence around the port-a-potties.

Barbara Ross asked if there was still an active planning and zoning board. She said they needed to meet to consider annexation down by the grain elevator to take in the sewer ponds or annexing the land that is not in city limits where Mr. Arnold is building the subdivision. She said there was a cut off on when the annexation could get on the election ballot.

Candace asked if the developer would be installing fire hydrants or would the city have to install the fire hydrants.

Jeff said the developer would be installing the fire hydrants, but the city would be making sure they were installed correctly.

Barbara asked if the subdivision regulations were shared with Mr. Arnold.

Jeff said he did not share those with Mr. Arnold, but he would.

Barbara said Mr. Arnold would need a copy to turn in to his engineer.

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


Jeff Woods, Mayor


Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer