

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
November 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: Barbara Ross, Willie Harris, Michael Hood, Daniel Brewington, and Angie Allison. Absent: Candace Drace. A quorum was declared. 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 October 19th, 2023, regular meeting, and the October 30th, 2023, special called council meeting minutes. Angie Allison 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 October 19th, 2023, regular council meeting minutes. Willie Harris seconded by Barbara Ross, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to approve October 30th, 2023, special called council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross seconded by Angie Allison, 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 October 2023, Barbara Ross, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

Willie Harris questioned a check written to Chris Daniels in the amount of \$32.55 for ammunition.

R/T Donna Wood said the check was written to reimburse Chris for ammunition he purchased for the police department. The ammunition was for an officer that had to certify at the shooting range.

Barbara Ross asked about the CDs renewing and the new interest rate. The report in the council packet did not reflect the new rates. She asked what the rate was the CDs renewed at.

R/T Donna Wood said the new rate for the CDS was 4.8% with the annual percentage rate at 4.91%.

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

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

Mayor Woods presented the proposed 2023 Proposed Amended Budgets and the 2024 Proposed Budgets to the council. He asked the council members to take the proposed budgets home with them and review them.

The council scheduled a budget work meeting for December 5th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the city hall.

Mayor Woods told the council the USDA CD matured on October 12th and did not get renewed before the grace period of October 24th. The CD was automatically renewed at 0.7 percentage rate.

R/T Donna Wood said she spoke with Rhonda at Armor Bank, and she said the CD could be closed out and opened back up at the special eight-month 4.8% interest rate but there would be a penalty of around \$95.00 for closing the CD before the maturity date.

Angie Allison seconded by Willie Harris moved to close the USDA CD with the 0.7 interest rate and reopen the USDA CD at the special eight-month 4.8% interest rate. Signers on the CD will be the same as the other CDS, Mayor Jeffs Woods, R/T Donna Wood, and Council member Barbara Ross.

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

There was no old business on the agenda.

Mayor Woods asked the council members if they had anything to discuss.

Angie Allison said she saw some cranes at the grain bins. She said she would like to follow the progress of the renovation of the grain bins by taking pictures of the steps taken to renovate them.

Barbara Ross asked if the part that was taken down was for safety reasons or was it taken down as part of the refurbishment.

Mayor Woods said it was for safety reasons. The winds on June 25th caused a crack and the engineers said it was structurally unsafe and had to come down.

Barbara Ross asked if the City was going to try to sell the 2016 Ford Explorer or hold on to it.

Mayor Woods said he would say sell it, but it would be up to the council on what they wanted to do with it. He said he would like to check it out first. The report was that the engine was going bad. He said he wanted to check and see if it might just be the oil pump that was causing the rattle. If it was just the oil pump and it was replaced, they could get more money on the sale of the vehicle.

Barbara Ross asked if the council had decided to get City Attorney Houston to rewrite the above ground diesel tank ordinance that was written in 1933.

City Attorney Houston said he had not been given any information on how it was to be rewritten.

Mayor Woods said the ordinance seemed out of date on what it was asking concerning the berms around the tanks.

City Attorney Houston suggested contacting the state pollution control and EPA for suggestions on what should go in the ordinance.

Angie Allison asked if there was an update on the housing project that Ritter Arnold had presented.

Mayor Woods said he had talked to Mr. Arnold, and he is waiting for Bond Engineering to get back with him on some things. He also said Mr. Arnold donated the dumpsters for the fall clean up.

Angie Allison asked if there was any news on whether Chris McCorkle was going to tear down the burned-out buildings next to the City Hall.

Mr. McCorkle said he was going to tear down and clean up Mr. Beley's building, and he would also be tearing down the old car wash next to Mr. Beley's burned-out building at no charge to the City.

Michael Hood said the car wash had an electrical line hooked up to it.

Mayor Woods said he would contact Entergy and have it disconnected.

Daniel asked who would need to be contacted about getting streetlights on the road down by the Dollar General store.

Mayors Woods said he had been working on getting the lights and has made many contacts with Entergy and Craighead Electric.

Barbara Ross said the project on extending the service road beside Dollar General had been put on hold until August 2024. The original plans had construction intruding into the sewer pond and were creating some problems. The highway department plans on looking at the project again to see what they could do to not intrude into the sewer pond.

Daniel Brewington said he has had people talk to him about getting places to eat to come to Tyronza. He asked if the City had ever reached out to any eating franchises.

Barbara Ross said that she had, and it would take someone to buy into a franchise for one to come to Tyronza. She also said Chick-Fil-A buys their own land and builds their own store.

Daniel suggested a letter be drafted and sent to Dairy Queen and KFC/Taco Bell to show the City has interest in their business coming to Tyronza.

Mayor Woods said it would help when Dollar General announced the Tyronza Store was a show case store for its district. The Tyronza Dollar General had already sold one-half a million dollars in products since it opened. He said this information would be good in the letter.

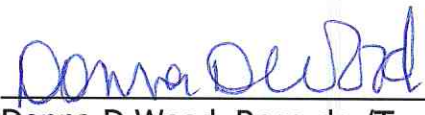
Mayor Woods announced Tyronza's Christmas Festival would be held December 2nd, 2023.

Chris McCorkle said the Verizon tower was still going to be constructed. He said they were currently signing contracts.

With there being no further discussion, Willie Harris seconded by Angie Allison moved to adjourn.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer