

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 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, Angie Allison and 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 August 17th, 2023, regular 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 August 17th, regular council meeting minutes. Candace Drace 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 August 2023, Michael Hood, seconded by Barbara Ross moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

Willie Harris questioned a check written in the amount of \$284.00 from the Water Revenue Account to the Tyronza Senior Center.

Recorder/Treasurer Woods said it was for the volunteer donations for the Senior Center that were collected from the water bills.

Barbara Ross asked Mayor Woods if he got paid from the City that month.

Mayor Woods said he did get paid.

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

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

First on the agenda was discussion on a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Marked Tree.

The council members were given a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding in their council packets to review.

Mayor Woods explained the purpose of the agreement was to establish an off-site location from which to administer the city government of each city in the event of a natural disaster or emergency event that prevented either city government from continued operation in the normal location.

Michael Hood, seconded by Angie Allison moved to enter into the agreement. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The annual Tax Millage Resolution was next to be discussed.

Mayor Woods asked City Attorney Noyl Houston to read the proposed resolution.

Noyl said it was the same resolution the City did every year. He then read the proposed resolution titled "RESOLUTION FOR TAX MILLAGE TO BE EXTENDED UPON THE 2024 TAX BOOKS" in full.

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

Mayor Woods said that Danny Marrs had been hired back to work for the City. He was hired back at the budgeted Street Department salary. He asked the council to consider moving Danny's pay up to what he was making when he retired.

Candace Drace seconded by Angie Allison moved to move Danny Marrs salary back to what it was when he retired. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to the old business.

Mayor Woods opened discussion on the Fire Department pay raise.

The proposed pay raise was to raise the meetings from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and fire calls from \$10.00 for the first two hours, then minimum wage for the hours over two hours to \$15.00 for the first two hours, then minimum wage for the hours over two hours.

Angie Allison seconded by Candace Drace moved to adopt the proposed pay raise for the fire department.

Barbara Ross asked if that gave the fire chief a raise.

Fire Chief Chris Daniels said he would get the raise for the fire runs.

After discussion, Angie Allison amended her motion to include paying the fire chief \$30.00 per meeting along with the other proposed pay raises. Barbara Ross seconded the motion to amend the previous motion.

Daniel asked if it would include the ambulance drivers and certified EMTs.

The City does not have an ambulance any more.

Willie Harris asked if taxes were held out after \$600.00.

The Recorder/Treasurer said the fire fighters were considered employees and received a W-2 at the end of the year.

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

Fire Chief Chris Daniel gave a report for the fire department.

He said there were a couple of things he would like to report on.

Angie Allison asked about the fire turnouts he had requested at the previous council meeting.

Chris said he had three turnouts that would be expiring in 2024. He said he had someone from EVS would be coming out on October 2nd, to measure the firefighters who had the turnouts that would be expiring. He said it would take six to seven months for the turnouts to be made. He said it would cost around \$2,800.00 per set. He would not have to pay for the turnouts until they came in.

Chris said the fire department has partnered with the Red Cross and would be doing a blood drive on December 14th. He encouraged everyone to participate.

Chris said he would like the fire department to have their own diesel tank. He said he had talked to Mid-South Sales, and it would not cost the City any extra for them to have a 500 gallon diesel tank. He would like to have a tank with a monitor that would let them know when the diesel got down to thirty percent. He said there would be a cost of \$610.00 for the pump with a shut off nozzle. He said the pump would run off batteries. He said they would still do the fuel logs. The pump would be locked and a key to the lock would be in each truck.

Michael Hood said there would need to be a wall around the tank to contain any leaks.

Chris said that would be something they would look into.

Willie Harris asked if there would be any cameras watching the tank.

He said if there was any way to put the tank at the fire station, there would be a camera. If it was put down where the other tanks were, there would not be a camera.

Daniel Brewington asked Chris if he had picked out a spot for the tank.

Chris said there was a concrete pad beside the fire department where the tank could be put, and they could build a concrete wall around it. He also said there was a spot at the back side of the building he was looking at.

Michael asked if there was a wall around the tanks down at the City shop.

Mayor Woods said there was not a wall.

Michael said the City should look at putting a concrete floor and wall around the tanks.

Angie Allison said she trusted Chris to put the tank where it needed to be.

Barbara Ross said she would like to see what the cost would be to do the enclosure around the tanks the City already had and have the fire department tank put down at the same place where the other tanks were at.

Daniel Brewington asked how long it would take for diesel to go bad.

Chris said they could start off with a lesser amount than what the tank would hold and see how long it would last.

Mayor Woods suggested Chris get more information on the tank and where the tank should be installed and how it should be installed.

Mayor Woods said he was getting prices on security cameras and TV to monitor cameras for the City Hall.

Mayor Woods said the Planning & Zoning had a meeting on September 18th to meet with the contractor that was going to install the 4,000-gallon diesel tank at Tyrone Express. The contractor did not show up.

Barbara Ross said she had talked to Producers about being annexed into the City limits.

Barbara said she had talked to the regional engineer over the service road project. He said they were so far behind on giving him the information he needed that he could not make a good decision on the road at that time. He also said he would have to find out if the road would be maintained by them or a city entity. The engineer felt like if the City took the road into city limits and named it East Drive, then it would be a city street and the city would have to maintain it.

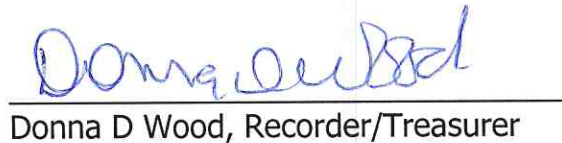
Jeff said he would be meeting with Ritter Arnold the next week. They would be meeting at Bonds Engineering about the new proposed subdivision.

Barbara said the swings that were ordered for the park would be shipped on September 25th. She said when they came in, they would try to have another park cleanup day.

With there being further business, Angie Allison seconded by Candace Drace moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer