

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
June 20th, 2024**

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, Angie Allison and Daniel Brewington. Absent: Candace Drace. A quorum was declared. City Attorney Noyl Houston and Recorder/Treasurer 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 May 16th, 2024, 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 the May 16th, 2024, 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 May 2024.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Angie moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

Barbara suggested taking money out of the Depreciation money market checking account and putting it into a CD so that it would earn more interest.

The R/T would check to see if there had to be a minimum amount kept in the money market account and would also check with auditors to see if a certain amount had to be kept in a checking account for the depreciation account.

With there being no further discussion on the expenditures, a voice vote was taken to approve the expenditures. The voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to new business.

First was a proposed resolution to apply for the Fun Park Grant.

City Attorney Houston read the proposed resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUN PARK GRANT." in full.

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

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

Barbara said the grant application to rework sidewalks in front of the city hall had been submitted through the TAPS grant.

She also said they were still waiting on whether the city would receive the grant from the Great Strides/Trails for Life grant to repave the walking trail before deciding on what to apply for through the Fun Park Grant. If the city received the Great Strides/Trails for Life grant the city would need input on what to apply for with the \$100,000.00 from the Fun Park Grant.

A new cook stove was next to be discussed.

The R/T presented a quote on a commercial natural gas stove for the Senior Center. The ladies who had been cooking the meals at the Senior Center said the current stove was not working properly. The eyes were not getting hot, and the oven was also not heating up to where it was needed to bake food. The quote on a new gas stove was \$1,729.00. She said the old stove could be advertised for sale on Facebook or the Market Place.

Daniel Brewington asked if the quote was from a commercial dealer and asked if they would take the old stove as a trade in.

The R/T said it was a commercial dealer and they did not take any trade-ins.

Michael Hood, seconded by Angie Allison moved to purchase the new stove in the amount of \$1,729.00. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Penny Toombs gave an update on the grain bin project. She said the process had been slow but was now beginning to move. She said the engineer was there earlier in the week checking out some things. The project was put out for bids and the bids did not come in where they needed them to be so they had to rebid the project and were currently waiting on the bids to come in.

Barbara asked if they had accepted already accepted a bid.

Penny said they were in the process and as soon as she knew shew would let the City know when a bid had been accepted.

Mayor Woods asked Penny if they could give the city a picture of what the project would look like when completed so it could be posted at the city hall.

Penny said she would get one as soon as they had it completed.

Tim Nelson with Vector Mosquito Spraying was next to address the council on concerns the council had about the current mosquito service.

He said they had been killing mosquitoes but due to the rain they were hatching out as fast as they could kill them

He said he had a new chemical they were getting ready to use and the chemical cost about twice as much as the current chemical that was being used. He said he had seen good results with the new chemical. The chemical would be used in the spray trucks.

He said he needed two new locations to set up the mosquito traps. He said the locations needed electricity.

He gave the council members a card with his phone number and asked them to call him anything with any complaints.

He reviewed the mosquito program with the council.

He took questions from the council.

Daniel Brewington asked if a person should be able to smell what was being sprayed.

Tim said there should be a smell. He would check into why there wouldn't be a smell. He said they would not over apply or under apply. The law gives him guidelines on spraying.

Daniel Brewington commented about the driver driving too fast. Tim said he would talk to the driver. He said if the vehicle stops the machine shuts off and if the driver is driving more than twenty miles per hour the machine will shut off.

Michael Hood asked if they had been using the same chemical as when they first started spraying.

Tim said they have used different types of the chemical prometnean as needed according to the types and numbers of mosquitoes in the traps.

Michael asked had they had been treating the ditches.

Tim said they had been putting larvicide in the ditches.

Willie asked how often they would do ariel spraying.

Tim said it would depend. Usually, three to four times a season. He said there would be an ariel spraying on the fourth of July.

Daniel asked if they provided Material Safety Data Sheets.

Tim said he thought they brought those to the city when they first started spraying. He said he would check on it and get one for the new spray sent to the city.

The mayor and council thanked Tim for coming to address the council's concerns.

The Planning and Zoning Committee held a public meeting before the council to consider rezoning ASU's Grain Bin property and to consider changes to the subdivision regulations concerning the size of collector streets.

David Wood, the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, then spoke to the council about the proposed changes.

He said the Planning and Zoning Committee met before the city council meeting and their recommendation was for subdivision regulations concerning collector streets as follows: the right of way for collector streets would be change to 50 feet and the paving of collector streets would be changed to 24 feet.

City Attorney Houston then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS CONCERNING WIDTH OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PAVED PORTION OF COLLECTOR STREET", in full, thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Angie Allison, seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 Mayor 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; Daniel Brewington, yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Michael Hood-yes.

The Mayor 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.

Willie Harris, seconded by Michael Hood, 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 Mayor 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; Daniel Brewington, yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Michael Hood-yes.

Thereupon, the Mayor 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 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 Barbara Ross, moved the ordinance be adopted.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Barbara Ross-yes; Daniel Brewington-yes; Willie Harris-yes and Michael Hood-yes.

Michael Hood seconded by Willie Harris moved to adopt the emergency clause.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Barbara Ross-yes; Daniel Brewington-yes; Willie Harris-yes and Michael Hood-yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

David then said the Planning and Zoning Committee also recommended changing the zoning for the ASU Grain Bins from Industrial to Commercial.

City Attorney Houston then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REZONING GRAIN BIN PARCEL FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF AN EVENT CENTER" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

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Mayor Woods asked Chris McCorkle to come up and address the cleaning out of the Dead Timber Lake ditch.

Chris said the ditch was cleaned all the way from the Crittenden County line to Highway 135 so that property connected to it would drain. The City's Sewer Ponds are connected to the ditch. He said the trees were mowed, a path was cut through it, beaver dams were cleaned out and it allow the water standing in the ditch to drain. Charles Glover and Scotty Williams with Poinsett County OEM had applied for a grant to clean the ditch out several years ago and no one had heard anything from the grant. He said he and other landowners who

had land connected to the ditch agreed to share the cost to clean the ditch out. He asked the council to consider sharing part of the cost. He said the cost to clean out the ditch was \$39,000.00.

Mayor Woods asked Chris how much the city's portion would be.

Chris said he talked to former Mayor Glover and he said he felt the city's portion would be around \$3,500.00. Chris said around \$3,500.00 to \$4,500.00 would be appropriate for the work that was done.

Angie asked if other landowners pitched in to share the cost.

Chris said they had.

City Attorney asked how the work would benefit the City.

Chris said it would help the City's slow drainage and with the ditch being drained it would help with the mosquito problem.

Barbara asked Chris about what work would need to be done to clean out the ditch down beside the railroad going to the Dead Timber Lake Ditch.

Chris explained what would need to be done and said if it was something the City wanted to do in the future he would be glad to split the cost with the city. He said if it cost \$5,000.00 then he would split it with the City at \$2,500.00 each.

Barbara said that would be something they could talk about with the County also.

Angie Allison seconded by Willie Harris moved to pay Chris McCorkle \$5,000.00 for the city's portion of cleaning out the Dead Timber Lake ditch.

Barbara asked if the money would come out of the General Fund.

Mayor Woods said he thought it would.

Michael Hood asked Mayor Woods if he thought \$5,000.00 was an ok amount and if it would not hurt the city's funds.

Mayor Woods asked if that would include the work down by the railroad track.

Chris said it would not include that work.

Angie said they were talking about \$3,500.00 to \$4,500.00 and that \$39,000.00 was a good amount of money and with the ditch being cleaned out it has benefited the city in multiple ways. She said she felt the City should pay properly.

Mayor Woods said he was ok with that amount; it was helping the drainage issue.

A voice vote was then taken, and the voting was unanimous to approve.

Chris Daniel then gave a report for the fire department.

He said the fire department did get the 50/50 grant for turnouts and someone would be by the next week to take measurements to order the turnouts.

He said the fire department also received the grant from Anheuser/Bush for canned water. He said they would be donating part of it to the Marked Tree Fire Department.

He said the fire department would be sponsoring a blood drive at the Senior Center on July 25th, 2024, from 1 pm to 6pm.

He then said they have been thinking about the proposed three-story apartments that were going to be built. He said the pumpers they have now would not be able to reach a three-story apartment if it were to catch fire.

They had been looking for an ariel truck to purchase and found one online through gov.deals. It is a website where departments bid on listed equipment. He said there was an ariel truck that was a 1988 E1 Hurricane and the bid price was currently at \$3,024.91. There would be a 12.5% buyer's premium and taxes added to the winning bid. It had a ladder that would reach 110'. The truck had two hydraulic leaks. It was last used 11/23 and a current pump test was done on 10/22. He asked the council for permission to bid on the truck up to \$4,500 to \$5,000.

After discussion on where to house the truck and what funds would pay for the truck, Angie Allison seconded by Willie Harris moved to give Fire Chief Chris Daniels permission to bid up to \$5,000.00 on the truck with the funds coming out of Act 833 funds if they were successful in winning the bid for the truck. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

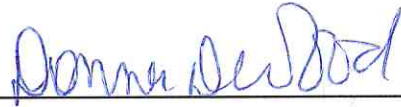
Michael Hood asked how the Jaw of Life was working.

Chris said it needed to be serviced.

Mayor Woods announced there would be a park clean up day on Thursday, June 27th starting at 5 pm. He encouraged volunteers to come out and help. The work done would also help in the grant application.

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



Jeff Woods, Mayor

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer