

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
March 21st, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood. 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 and Mayor Jeff Woods. A quorum was declared. City Attorney Noyl Houston was also at the meeting.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

R/T Donna Wood asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the February 15th, 2024, regular council meeting minutes. Candace Drace, seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 the February 15th, 2024, 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

The expenditures were next on the agenda.

R/T Wood asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for February 2024.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Michael Hood moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

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

The meeting then moved to new business.

First in new business was to hear from the Planning and Zoning Committee on a recommendation on rezoning some land.

David Wood, chairman of the committee, said the committee voted to recommend the council to rezone a tract of land whose property lies north of Church Street, west of Memphis Street and south of Old Highway 63 that contained 65.58 acres from Agriculture to R-1 and R-3. He also said the Planning and Zoning recommended the collector street requirement be changed from a 32 foot to a 24-foot street.

Candace asked what the reason was for changing the size of the street.

Barbara said the streets within the subdivision were regulated as 24-foot streets. There was one street that was going through the subdivision that was designated as a collector street and the regulations designated it as a 32-foot street. She said when the streets did not have

curbs or gutters there would need to be a wider street. The new subdivision's street would have curbs and gutters. Any street that is over 24 feet in the city would have to pay the difference for it to be installed. She also said she talked to David, and he said the fire department would be able to go down a 24-foot street and her recommendation to him was for the collector street to be changed to a 24-foot street to save the City money on the street.

R/T Wood asked City Attorney Houston to read the proposed ordinance.

Noyl then asked David if the applications for the rezoning of part of the land to R1 and part of the land to R3 were both approved as requested by the applicant after a public hearing that was properly advertised.

David said that both were approved as requested and a public hearing was held, and it was properly advertised.

Noyl then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TYRONZA LYING NORTH OF CHURCH STREET, WEST OF MEMPHIS STREET AND SOUTH OF OLD HIGHWAY 63 CONTAINING 65.58 ACRES FROM A (AGRIGULTUREAL) TO R-1 IN PART AND R-3 IN PART," in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris, 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: Barbara Ross-yes; Willie Harris – yes; Candace Drace-yes; Michael Hood-yes and Angie Allison-yes.

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.

Michael Hood, seconded by Angie Allison, 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; Candace Drace-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Michael Hood-yes and Angie Allison-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.

Willie Harris, seconded by Angie Allison, 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: Barbara Ross-yes; Candace Drace-yes; Willie Harris-yes, Michael Hood-yes and Angie Allison-yes.

The Recorder/Treasurer thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Noyl said he would need more information on the Planning and Zoning recommendation to change the size of the roads before he could prepare what was needed to make that change.

Riverside Ambulance was next on the agenda.

Blake Fox spoke to the council on behalf of Riverside Ambulance. Blake said rural ambulance services had been suffering for a long time. He said the insurance reimbursements were not keeping up with the cost of running an ambulance and the call volume had dropped. He said Riverside Ambulance was getting to a point where it was not sustainable. He said they had put together a proposition for the tri-city service area to possibly have a fee on the water bills to ensure there was coverage for the area. The fee would negate any balance due after the insurance paid. He said he spoke to other large ambulance services, and they had no interest in providing ambulance service for the tri-city area.

City Attorney Houston said the law as he understood it did not authorize the city to do what Riverside was asking. Noyl said he read Mr. Fox's proposal and he also read the attorney general's opinion and the act that Mr. Fox presented.

Discussion on the proposal was tabled for information on the legality of the fee and to find out information on how other cities funded the service.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on a noise complaint. Gunner Simpson spoke to the council. Gunner stated he lived at 133 Junction Street for three years and for three years he had been calling the city police and county police about the same disturbance on Chickasaw Street. He said every Friday and Saturday from 7 pm to 2 to 3 AM. He said he had videos of the disturbance. He said there had been 30 responses for city and county officers and nothing had been done. He said the resident on Chickasaw would turn the noise down and when the police left, they would turn it back up. He said he was addressing the council to see if anything could be done about the noise so that he and other people on Chickasaw Street would not have to deal with it.

The R/T asked had he talked to the police chief.

Mr. Simpson said he had talked to him and several county officers who had responded but still nothing has been done.

Noyl asked if meant no citations had been issued.

Mr. Simpson said he was not aware of any citations being issued.

The R/T said she felt they needed to get with the police chief and address his concerns.

Barbara Ross asked if there was a copy of a noise ordinance.

The R/T said she could not find a noise ordinance.

Noyl said it was a state law that prohibits people from making unreasonable and excessive noise that was called disorderly conduct.

The R/T said there was an excessive noise from a motor vehicle ordinance and an ordinance about noise coming from data centers.

The R/T said there was an affidavit process that Mr. Simpson could use to have charges filed.

Candace Drace asked Chief Spain if was receiving other complaints from anyone on Chickasaw about the noise.

He said he had one person on Chickasaw to complain about the noise and he asked the complainant if they wanted to fill out an affidavit and the complainant said no. He said an officer would have to hear the noise in order to issue a ticket. He said they have heard it a couple of times but asked the person to turn it down and it was turned down. He said he had not seen any videos.

Deputy Chris McCorkle said he had responded several times and asked the person to turn it down and it was tuned down and there were times he came, and he did not hear the noise.

Angie said if the State of Arkansas has a law, then the law needs to be followed.

Hunter said he would file an affidavit.

Next on the agenda was to discuss the City to look into getting a city credit card.

The R/T said the City did not have a credit card except for the Capital One Walmart credit card. She said when employees register for meetings and book hotels a credit card is required. She said the State Purchasing Program has a Bank of America card that is issued through the State to cities. She said she would like to get more information on the card but would like to ask the council to be thinking about a city credit.

Barbara said she felt the city did need one because of employees having to go out of town for meetings.

The meeting then moved to old business.

A quote on a new flagpole for the downtown park was presented to the council. The amount of the quote was \$2,400.00.

Angie Allison seconded by Candace Drace moved to purchase the flagpole that was in the quote in the amount of \$2,400.00. Upon a voice, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Fire Chief Chris Daniel then addressed the council. He proposed for the council to approve the fire department to purchase a utility trailer in the amount of \$2,000.00. He said most of the council had already looked at the trailer. It would be purchased out of the Fire Equipment Fund.

Angie Allison seconded by Michael Hood moved to purchase the trailer. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Barbara Ross said she saw in the fuel report that there was diesel that was not logged. She said she didn't know if it was the fire department.

Chris said they have logbooks in each of the trucks and any fuel put in the vehicles is supposed to be logged on the log. He said they were calling the fuel into Marked Tree dispatch and the information was not getting back to the city's office. He said he brought it up at the meeting that the log needed to be filled out.

The R/T asked if there was any way the firefighters could put the diesel pumped on an index card and put it in the water drop box. She said the office can not keep an accurate balance of how many gallons are in the tank if what is being used is not turned in.

Chris said the fire department could do that.

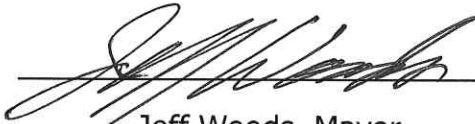
The R/T asked if there were any other items that needed to be addressed.

Barbara asked if the water tank had been inspected yet.

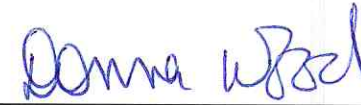
The R/T said it had not been inspected yet.

The R/T asked if the audience had anything they would like to address.

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna Wood, Recorder/Treasurer