

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 16th, 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, and Daniel Brewington. Absent: Angie Allison and 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 April 18th, 2024, regular council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris, 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 April 18th, 2024, regular council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross, seconded by Michael Hood, 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 2024.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

Willie Harris questioned a check written to the East Poinsett County School for meal expense in the amount of \$49.05.

Mayor Woods said EPC students cooked a meal for the Senior Citizens and a check was written to reimburse them for the meal expense. The money collected for the meal was turned into the City and receipted.

Willie questioned a check written to Auto Glass Now to replace the back glass of Austin Lee's 2017 Jeep Cherokee Renegade.

Mayor Woods explained that while Matt Huff was mowing in a ditch near the post office a rock flew out from under the mower and hit Mr. Lee's back windshield and broke it out. He said normally the City would not have paid for it but there was a witness that

saw what happened. He talked to the witness and felt it was the right thing to do and to go ahead and pay to have the window replaced.

Michael Hood questioned a check written to Mark Wilhoite.

The R/T said Mark Wilhoite was a Tyronza Volunteer Firefighter and he requested his fire pay.

Willie noted the number of VIN verifications that Chief Spain had been doing.

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

First in new business on the agenda was discussion on renewing the mosquito contract.

City Attorney Noyl Houston had prepared an ordinance for the mosquito contract renewal. He said everything in the contract was the same as the previous contract. The dates were the only thing that changed in to contract.

He then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MOSQUITO CONTROL CONTRACT: AUTHORIZING A \$5.00 ADDTION TO EACH WATER BILL TO DEFRAY THE COST THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SHUT-OFF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Willie Harris, 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.

Michael Hood said he had several people to say the mosquito control was not as good as it used to be, and they were dissatisfied with the service.

Daniel Brewington said he would agree with that. He said the past couple of years when a person goes outside after they have sprayed it doesn't smell like anything is being sprayed. He said he could not go outside in June or July after they had sprayed. He said it was just as bad after they sprayed than before they sprayed.

Michael said he felt that the spraying was not working as well as when they first started spraying.

Mayor Woods said he talked to the representative a long time on the phone about people saying the service was not working as well as it used to. They discussed reasons of why the spraying may not be working as well as it used to and certain things with the weather that would cause the spraying not to work as well.

Barbara said the mosquitoes would get worse after they spray. The spray agitates the mosquitoes. She said when they first started spraying, they told residents not to go outside right after they sprayed because the mosquitoes would be worse.

There was discussion on how the rice fields affected the mosquito population.

Willie asked if aerial spraying was included in the contract.

Barbara said it was and it depended on the population of the mosquitoes and the number of complaints they had when they would do aerial spraying.

Willie was concerned that the spray was not getting to the ground.

Barbara said the droplet size was regulated as to how big it could be so that it would not kill all the insects.

Noyl said the contract was cancelable on a thirty-day notice. He also suggested requesting a representative to come to the next council meeting to answer any questions the council may have.

Daniel said he would like to see the city look into doing the spraying.

Barbara suggested keeping the contract until at least July and then seeing how the residents felt about the services at that time.

With there being no further discussion, the Mayor 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; Michael Hood-yes; Daniel Brewington-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.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris, 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.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris, 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.

Barbara Ross 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.

Discussion on the purchase of a Line Locator for the Water Department was next on the agenda.

Mayor Woods said Matt had been looking for buried sewer mains for about two weeks. Kevin Skipper brought his line locator and found the main quickly. They checked on the price of a line locator like Kevin had and the cost was around \$9,000.00. Matt found a more affordable line locator. One was \$1,419.00 and a better one for \$2,094.00.

Willie Harris seconded by Michael Hood moved to purchase the line locator at the cost of \$2,094.00. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods said he had someone to approach him about selling the chipper. He wanted to know what the council thought about selling the chipper.

The council was not agreeable to sell the chipper. They would like to see it used around town.

The renewal of the City's Certificates of Deposit was next to be discussed.

The R/T said the CDs were nearing their maturity date and she had checked with Armor Bank on the renewal rates. Armor Bank quoted a renewal rate of 4.85% for six months.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Daniel Brewington moved to renew the City's CDs at the 4.85% rate for a six-month period. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Penny Toombs was on the agenda to give an update on the Grain Bin Property. She called and said they were going to have to re-bid the project and she wanted to wait until after the re-bid process before giving an update.

There would be a Planning and Zoning meeting on June 20th, 2024, at the Tyronza City Hall to discuss rezoning the Grain Bin property and discuss changing the sub-division regulations requirements on the collector streets.

Barbara said she talked with Randy about the grant to repave the walking trail and he said the City's application was still being considered.

Barbara said the Fun Park Grant was going to be available again this year and the City was eligible to apply for the grant. She said to get the grant the City needed to have a documented volunteer day at the park and there needed to be an agenda item at a future meeting to have public discussion on what they would like to have at the park. She suggested putting it on the June 2024 agenda.

Willie asked if the council was going to talk about the ordinance that prohibited parking vehicles in the public streets.

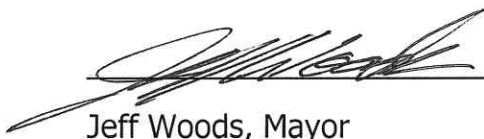
The R/T said she had looked and found the ordinances concerning parking in the streets. The council members were given a copy of the ordinances.

Willie asked how to get the ordinances enforced.

Noyl said the ordinance stated there would need to be a resolution designating where to put no parking signs and a resolution with those designations could not be found. He said the council would need to decide where they wanted the signs and then there would have to be a resolution.

Willie asked Jeff if he would go around town and see where no parking signs needed to go. He said he would like the citizens, police and fire departments to determine where the no parking signs needed to go.

With there being no further discussion, Michael Hood seconded by Willie Harris moved to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder Treasurer