

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
October 17th, 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: Willie Harris, Michael Hood, Daniel Brewington, Barbara Ross and Angie Allison. Absent: Candace Drace. A quorum was declared. Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood was also at the meeting. City Attorney Noyl Houston was not at the meeting.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the September 19th, 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 September 19th, 2024, regular council meeting minutes. Willie Harris, 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 September 2024.

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

Mayor Woods asked if there was any discussion on the expenditures.

Barbara asked if the City was still planning on selling the 2016 Ford Explorer police car.

Mayor Woods said he was going to check and see if he could get the oil pressure up on the vehicle, then try to sell it. He also said the car was currently being used.

With there being no discussion 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 on the agenda was to set a budget workshop meeting.

The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

Penny Toombs was next on the agenda to give an update on the grain bin renovation.

First Ms. Toombs told the council about a trail grant meeting that was going to be held in Monticello. She said she thought the meeting was on November 19th.

Penny explained the work that was currently being done. She said a fence would be put up around the work area and the completion date was scheduled for the Summer of 2025.

She said funding was needed for a crosswalk from the museum to the grain bins.

Mayor Woods said he would check with AR Dot to see if there was a grant that would help with the funding of the crosswalk.

Barbara said the City had applied for the sidewalk grant. If the City was awarded the grant and if there were any funds left it could possibly be used for the crosswalk.

Angie asked if the grant included any funds for the inside furnishings of the building.

Penny said the grant was only for the building renovation, there were no funds for the inside furnishings.

Angie said she would look at getting sponsors to help furnish the inside of the building.

Penny then thanked the council for its support of the project and for letting her give an update.

Next on the agenda was a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Tyronza and the City of Marked Tree.

The Memorandum of Understanding was a continuation of one that was already in place. It expired on August 31, 2024. The proposed one would go through August 31, 2025.

Angie Allison seconded by Willie Harris moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Marked Tree. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Mayor Woods gave an update on the water pump repair. He said he talked to Layne and it would be a couple of weeks before they would be able to make the repairs. There were parts they had to order and were waiting on them to come in.

Mayor Woods said he did check with another company about giving an estimate on the water pump repairs. The company said it would have to come and pull the pump before they could give an estimate.

He said he called a third company, and they had just called back that day and said they lost their note on giving an estimate and just now found it.

Mayor Woods said he did check on the question that Angie had about why the water quality was rated like it was in the tank inspection. It was rated like it was because of the sheen on top of the water.

Michael Hood asked if the water pump repairs were going to be done with a new pump.

Mayor Woods said the water pump repairs would be done with a new pump and the city would be keeping the old pump.

Michael said he would like to see the old pump be rebuilt as soon as possible.

Mayor Woods said ordinances had been delivered to owners whose property were in violation of city ordinance 1998-9, which prohibited open storage or accumulation of junk vehicles, rubbish, tall weeds and other unsightly or unsanitary conditions on real property. They were officially given ten days to clean up their property.

Mayor Woods reported that Poinsett County Sheriff's Department was having a radio antenna installed on the water tower for police dispatch.

He also reported that the Verizon tower was also going up.

The council then talked about a used excavator for the city. Mayor Woods present a picture of a used one for sale. He said he talked to Matt and the one in the picture had all the options that Matt felt was needed for what they would be using the excavator for.

Wille questioned where in the city would start digging ditches if an excavator was purchased.

Mayor Woods said he, Danny and Matt had driven around the city and made plans on which ditches needed to be cleaned out. Where they would start, he did not know exactly.

Barbara Ross talked about the City needing an emergency preparedness plan.

Angie Allison suggested a special committee to be formed to develop a plan.

Michael Hood said he would like to thank the ladies who helped in taking care of those from out of town when their tour bus broke down. He said he saw a lot of good comments on social media.

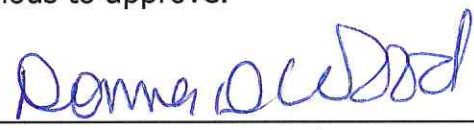
Chris Daniels addressed the council about upgrading their current jaws of life to a battery-operated unit. He priced a battery operated on at \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00. He would be looking at grants to purchase one.

A grant was applied for through Blue & You for an AED for the Senior Center and it was denied. The City needed to look at getting one for the Senior Center.

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



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer