

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
February 27th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Woods. The roll was called, and the following council members were recorded as present: Willie Harris, Michael Hood, Daniel Brewington, Barbara Ross, Patty Barger and Kristina Woods. A quorum was declared. City Attorney Noyl Houston and Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood 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 January 16th, 2025, regular council meeting minutes. Willie Harris, 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 January 16th, 2025, regular council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross, seconded by Kristina Woods, 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 January 2025.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to approve the expenditures.

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

With there being no discussion on the expenditures. A roll call vote was taken, and the voting was as follows: Kristina Woods-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Patty Barger-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Michael Hood-no; Daniel Brewington-yes.

Michael Hood said he was not voting for the expenditures because the purchase of the truck for the police department was included in the expenditures.

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

Brian Hosman then addressed the council about getting water service to his house located at 40653 Highway 118 East.

He explained that the Arkansas Highway Department was replacing the bridge where his water supply line was located. His water came from the Whitten/Birdsong Water Association. He said when he met with the engineer at the beginning of the project, they assured him they would relocate his water line. He said he recently saw a letter that was sent to the Whitten/Birdsong Association stating they would have to pay to get his water line replaced. The Whitten/Birdsong Association wrote a letter back to the highway department stating they were not financially able to replace the line.

Brian then said he received a letter from Whitten/Birdsong Association that said they had received a letter from the highway department that stated his water line would be cut off March 15th, 2025.

He said with the help of Bobby Gammill, Senator Dave Wallace and Dennis Wood a meeting with the heads of the right of way was scheduled. He said he then got a phone call from the governmental regulations officer stating they had resolved the problem of his water getting cut off and it would not be cut off. They would reevaluate the options on for not cutting of his water.

Brian said the water line he currently had was old, small and a private line. He said he told them since they were exploring all options, he would like the option to connect to the Tyronza water lines if Tyronza was agreeable and the state would pay for it. He said if it didn't happen that he hoped to find a grant in the future to pay for the connection.

He said he had a meeting with them on the coming Monday morning at 9 o'clock with Whitten/Birdson water and the state.

Mayor Woods said he told Brian the City could not pay to have a water line to be installed to his area. He said he also called Arkansas Rural Water and was told whoever he was connected to currently should pay to have him connected. He also told Brian it would be up to the city council to approve the connection.

Mayor Woods said there would need to be more information before a decision could be made. He asked Brian if he could come to the meeting. Brian said that he could.

Barbara said she had been researching for some help for the situation. She said there was an emergency grant available for such a situation, but the town would have to meet a low to moderate income rating. Tyronza would not meet that qualification, but the Whitten/Birdsong Association would. She said it would be funded by loans and then some grants.

Mayor Woods said any kind of work would have to be approved through the health department.

Brian said he would like to be able to tell those he was meeting with that the council would be agreeable to connect him to the Tyronza water.

Michael Hood asked if he knew what the price would be.

Mayor Woods said he saw a quote that it would be \$60,000.00 to \$90,000.00 for two miles of line.

Brian then thanked the council for their time.

Mayor Woods reported the police department went through a CLEST audit and got a 100% Compliance audit. Jeff read from a letter that was written that stated "It is extremely rare for an agency to find 100% compliance". He said Chief Spain had all his officers trained, and all paperwork in order.

Mayor Woods asked the council if they had any other business to discuss.

Daniel asked if a little money could be spent on the old smoker the Armor Bank gave to the city. He said the bottom was rusted out of the fire box, it needed new grates and tires. He said he would like to spend about \$500.00 to get the fire box fixed and to get it working correctly. He said he would also like to have a shelter for it after it was fixed up.

Chris McCorkle said if the City would get the metal he would volunteer to weld it.

Riverside ambulance was on the agenda. Candace Drace said they were on a call. She also said they were watching the council meeting and wanting to know if there were any other questions so they could add them to the list of things to get into order.

Mayor Woods asked the council if there were any other questions they had for Riverside ambulance.

Barbara said she had one for Noyl but would wait if he wanted to wait until Riverside made it to the meeting.

Mayor Woods said the contract wasn't ready.

Noyl asked if there was a final version of the contract that was ready that Riverside had prepared. He said he made some comments on the previous contract they had.

Mayor Woods said at the public meeting, Andrew said the contract was turned over to Noyl and that he would do the contract.

Noyl said he was not doing his contract. That was Riverside's responsibility. He said there was some misunderstanding and that he was not doing their contract.

Mayor Woods said if Riverside could not make it, they could come to next month's meeting.

Barbara said the fun park grant would be opening up on May 1st and the City could reapply for the project it applied for last year. She said there would need to be a public meeting along with the council meeting in March or April. She said there would also need to be a volunteer activity day at the park.

Jeff said he thought the City needed to get a master plan for what it wanted to do at the park. He said there were grants for a planner to come in and create a master plan.

Barbara said there was also a grant called Great Strides in an amount up to \$250,000.00, no match grant for trails. The grant opened up on March 10th, 2025 and would close in June. She said she and Linda Hinton have worked on getting a grant to turn old highway 63 down by the railroad track going toward Marked Tree into a trail. The problem they were facing was finding ownership of the property. She said the county would also have to get involved.

Michael Hood asked if there was an ordinance on burning leaves in ditches. He said when the City had a lot of rain a couple of weeks ago, he pulled leaves out of a culvert on Beley by Nell Greene's house.

Mayor Woods said there was an ordinance that a person could not burn leaves in the ditches.

Willie said that didn't make sense because the leaves would burn down to ashes and ashes would flow through the culverts.

Michael said he thought the council should look at changing the ordinance.

Mayor Woods asked what the history was behind the ordinance about not burning leaves in ditches.

R/T Wood said the ordinance was passed because not all the leaves burn up and sticks were being put in the leave burn pile and washing into the culverts and stopping them up.

Michael said the leaves were getting stuck in the culverts and stopping them up, he pulled leaves out of the culvert in front of Nell Greene's house.

Barbara said the ordinance probably needed to be changed.

Mayor Woods said it looked to him that people should just be able to burn their leaves. He said he would get the ordinance out and read it and see what could be done.

The council members agreed that only leaves should be able to be burnt in the ditches.

Willie said a problem with her street was that a homeowner's culvert had collapsed, and water will not go through the culvert. She asked if a homeowner could be made to replace their culvert.

Mayor Woods asked Willie to show him the culvert.

Barbara said at one time the City offered to put a culvert in for a homeowner if they would pay for the culvert. The City also offered payment plans for the homeowner to purchase a culvert.

Mayor Woods said the biggest thing he had seen while going around and looking at stopped up culverts was that homeowners did not rake their leaves up.

Barbara said she had problems with her sewer draining and her commode not flushing when the water backed up due to the rain. She said the water was over and pouring into the manhole located at Michael Ferguson's house. She said it took about three days for it to start working right.

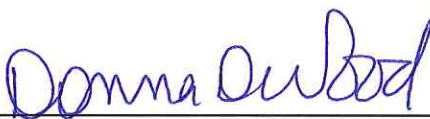
Mayor Woods said the lift pumps were working 24/7 pumping sewer during that heavy rainfall.

Barbara said when Jeff went to the meeting with Brian Hosman, and if there was something the council needed to do, maybe the Act 605 committee should meet and get the committee involved in any decision that needed to be made.

With there being no further business, Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris moved to adjourn the meeting.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer