

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
January 16th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood. Mayor Jeff Woods was at the Arkansas Municipal League meeting. With the roll having been called, the following council members were recorded as present: Willie Harris, Michael Hood, Daniel Brewington, Barbara Ross and Kristina Woods. A quorum was declared. City Attorney Noyl Houston was also at the meeting.

City council position 1 of ward 2 was declared vacant.

The floor was open to nominations to fill the vacancy.

Willie Harris seconded by Kristina Woods moved to nominate Patty Barger.

Daniel Brewington moved to nominate Brandon Baine. There was no second.

With there not being a second on the nomination for Brandon Baine, the council proceeded to vote on the motion and second on the nomination of Patty Barger. Upon a roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Kristina Woods, yes for Patty Barger; Barbara Ross-yes for Patty Barger; Willie Harris, yes for Patter Barger, Michael Hood-yes for Patty Barger; and Daniel Brewington-yes for Patty Barger.

Pattey Barger was then sworn in.

R/T Wood asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the December 19th, 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.

R/T Wood asked if there was a motion to approve the December 19th 2024, regular council meeting minutes. Barbara Ross, seconded by Daniel Brewington, 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 Woods asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for December 2024.

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

R/T Wood asked if there was any discussion on the expenditures.

As the council members were looking for any questions on the expenditures, the R/T told them the repairs on the old well had been made. The council was given a picture of the new equipment that was installed.

With there being no further discussion on the expenditures. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve.

Michael Hood reminded the R/T Wood that the invocation was missed.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

The meeting then moved to new business.

R/T Wood said the 2025 Budget was first on the agenda in new business.

The council members were given copies of the proposed 2025 Budget and had a budget workshop.

R/T Wood asked if there were any questions on the updated 2025 Budget.

With there being no questions, City Attorney then read the proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2025 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANSAS in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Michael Hood, 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: Kristina Woods-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Patty Barger – yes; Willie Harris – yes; Michael Hood-yes and Daniel Brewington-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 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 Recorder/Treasurer put the question on the adoption of the motion to the council the roll was called, and the voting was as follows: Barbara Ross-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Michael Hood-yes, Daniel Brewington-yes; Kristian Woods and Patty Barger-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 was carried and the rule suspended.

Barbara asked if the sidewalk grant needed to be added to the budget.

The Recorder/Treasurer said it could be added when at the end of the year in the amended budget.

The ordinance was then read by title only, thereby placing it upon a third and final reading.

Willie Harris, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved the ordinance to 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: Patty Barger-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Michael Hood-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Daniel Brewington-yes; and Kristina Woods-yes.

The Recorder/Treasurer thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

A resolution for ADEQ was next on the agenda.

The NPDES permit for the sewer pond was late being filed. ADEQ assessed a fine of \$1,000.00. The fine would be lowered to \$500.00 by the council passing a resolution authorizing the City of Tyrone to enter into a Consent Administrative Order with the Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Barbara asked if the sewer had to be dumped into the river.

R/T Wood said that was how the system was currently set up and she did not know if it had to be discharged into the river.

Barbara said it used to not be discharged into the river.

Barbara also noted that the letter from ADEQ had the letter dated January 8th, 2024.

Michael questioned when the samples were taken, did the sample water have to be flowing toward the river.

The R/T said the testing spot, where samples were taken, was located on Hale Lane, which is close to the river. There was a faucet that was turned on to get the samples that were tested twice a month.

With there being no further discussion, City Attorney, Noyl Houston read the proposed resolution entitled " A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TYRONZA TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ) in full.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Barbara suggested that a waterboard meeting be scheduled.

An ATM agreement to put an ATM machine inside the city hall was next on the agenda.

After looking at the agreement, Noyl said the city could not enter into the agreement unless rent was paid to the City for providing a place for the ATM.

Discussion on opening a CD to purchase a police vehicle was next to be discussed. Since the discussion of opening a CD for that purpose, the police chief had located a used 2021 Toyota Tacoma for sale that he would like to purchase.

Barbara said she would not recommend opening the CD since the police chief had given them the information on the used vehicle he had found.

Chief Spain had given each of the council members the information on a used 2021 Toyota Tacoma. The cost of the vehicle was \$33,897.25. An additional warranty could be purchased for \$3,930.00

Kristina said Chief Spain had said the equipment that would be needed to put in the truck could be purchased used at a lesser price.

Barbara said the price of the vehicle and the warranty would be over \$35,000.00. She asked Noyl if competitive bidding would have to be done.

Noyl said he thought the purchase of the vehicle would be separate from the purchase of the warranty. He said the warranty was a contract and the vehicle was tangible property. He said there should be a separate vote on the warranty.

After discussion, Barbara Ross seconded by seconded by Willie Harris to authorize Chief Spain and someone he chooses to take with him to inspect it and to drive it and get it checked out and if that was what he wanted for a police vehicle, to authorize him to have the dealership hold the vehicle for purchase.

Michael Hood said he felt Chief Spain needed to look around a little more for a vehicle. He said that was a lot of money.

Daniel Brewington asked if the Dodge Ram would be sold.

Barbara said the explorer would be sold. She also said the 2021 Explorer had two recalls and Ford did not have the parts to fix the recalls and if the vehicle went down there would only be one vehicle.

Daniel asked if Chief Spain checked at other dealership about getting the recalls completed.

Barbara said he had checked at other dealerships. She also said it would be the 2016 Explorer that would be sold, and it would be up to the council on whether to sell it or not.

Michael Hood said he felt the Chief should check around some more.

R/T Wood repeated the motion that was made by Barbara Ross, Willie Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken, Kristina Woods-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Patty Barger-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Michael Hood-No; Daniel Brewington-No. The motion carried.

R/T Wood reported that the water, police accumulated, and the street CDs matured on January 15th, 2025. Lisa at Armor Bank quoted an interest rate of 4.42 % for a six-month CD. She said they no longer offered 8-month CDs but would give the City the 4.42 % for eight months to keep from having to redo all of the CDs.

Barbara Ross seconded by Kristiana Woods moved to renew the CDS at the 4.42% for eight months and to renew the CDs maturing in January at 4%. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The council then reviewed the quote for the memorial sign for the City's park. The cost of the sign was \$500.00.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to approve for the sign to be ordered. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

R/T presented a quote on replacing the water computer. The quote was for \$2,647.98. The price included the computer and the cost for setting the computer up and transferring the programs.

Barbara Ross seconded by Kristina Woods moved to purchase a new water computer at the quoted price of \$2,647.98. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Fire Chief Chris Daniels gave an update on the fire department.

He reported that they had their yearly elections, and all the officers remained the same except for the secretary, Megan Wilhoite was elected to the secretary office.

He then reported on the billing of the fire runs. He passed around a form on how he billed to the council members.

He said for 2024 the fire department responded to 133 total calls, 64 were first responder calls, 22 motor vehicle accidents, 17 grass fires and some random calls.

He said the first responder calls could not be billed.

He said of the twenty-two wrecks on the interstate, being able to bill them would be cut in half due to the reason that some people don't have insurance, some of the vehicles burn with their insurance information in them. He said when they respond to a call and a person is in bad enough condition that they are being transported by an ambulance, they do not try to get insurance information.

He said he billed what he could, when he could. He said he mostly tried to bill for big trucks.

He said last year he sent out six to seven bills and had not heard anything back on the bills.

Willie asked if he did any follow-up on the bills.

Chris said he had a full-time job and was not able to follow up.

He then reported that Megan Wilhoite, the new secretary, applied for a \$200.00 grant from Harbor Freight and received the grant.

Chris said he had been buying equipment for the equipment trailer.

Michael Hood said when he was on the fire department, they had to sometimes send a second notice.

Barbara said if he would get phone numbers, she would not mind making calls for him.

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



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer