

TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 15th, 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. Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood was also at the meeting. City Attorney Noyl Houston was not present for the meeting.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

The reading and the approval of the minutes were tabled until the June council meeting due there not being enough time for the council members to review them before the council meeting.

Mayor Woods asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for April 2025.

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

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

Michael Hood asked did the police department have all the equipment it needed for the Toyota truck.

Mayor Woods said he thought they needed one more thing and then it would be fully equipped.

With there being no further discussion, a voice vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to new business.

Discussion of renewing the mowing contract with Chris McCorkle was first on the agenda.

Mayor Woods said the mowing contract was an annual contract and asked the council if they wanted to renew the contract. He said the price would be going up \$100.00 a month.

Chris said it was going up \$50.00 per mowing and the previous contract was to mow two times a month for six months during grass growing season.

Willie Harris seconded by Barabara Ross moved to approve the renewal of the mowing contract with LCM Land Company. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Next on the agenda was discussion on the city attorney position.

Mayor Woods said that Noyl officially announced he would be retiring as the city's attorney on June 30th, 2025. He said he had talked with Jimmy Gazaway and he was interested in filling the position and would work at the same pay as Noyl was currently working at.

Mr. Gazaway then got up and introduced himself and gave a brief history of his experience in city and state government.

Michael Hood asked Mr. Gazaway if he would have any problem with the council calling him to talk to him about the city's business.

Mr. Gazaway said he would give the council members his cell phone number for them to call him with any questions they had about the city's business.

Barbara told Mr. Gazaway the city had begun work on condemning houses and asked him would there be any additional cost from him if there had to be litigation on condemning the houses.

Mr. Gazaway said at the other towns in where he was the city attorney. The regular duties he did was to be at the meetings, court and give general advice. He said any litigation would be charged at an hourly rate.

Mr. Gazaway also said in the past when he was in the legislative session he was either able to make it to the city's meetings or sometimes, he had attended the meeting through zoom.

Barbara Ross seconded by Willie Harris moved to hire Jimmy Gazaway as the city's attorney.

A roll call vote was then taken. The vote was as follows: Kristina Woods-yes; Barbara Ross-yes; Patty Barger-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Michael Hood-yes; Daniel Brewington-yes.

Mayor Woods declared the motion approved.

The meeting then moved to old business.

The council was presented with a stage rebuild quote from Smith Installation Inc. in the amount of \$36,656.78.

Mayor Woods explained the City received money from FEMA for the June 2023 windstorm to help rebuild the stage.

Barbara asked how much money was received from FEMA to rebuild the stage.

R/T Woods said she believed it was around \$24,000.00 and that there was around 3,600.00 in the Stage Donation Fund.

Barbara asked if the money received from FEMA for reimbursable expenses could be used to pay the balance of the funds needed to build the stage.

R/T Woods said yes, it could.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Kristian Woods, moved to accept the quote from Smith Installation and to use \$9,000.00 from FEMA reimbursable expenses to pay the balance needed to build the stage. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods then moved the meeting to discussion of the code enforcement position that was approved at the April 2025 meeting.

Mayor Woods asked Barbara to amend her motion to not name a specific person to the position.

After discussion, Barbara Ross moved to amend her motion to say, a motion to establish a code enforcement position and to set the salary at the same rate as a part-time police officer. Willie Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken, and the voting was as follows: Barbara Ross-yes; Kristina Woods-yes; Patty Barger-yes; Willie Harris-yes; Daniel Brewington-yes and Michael Hood-no. Mayor Woods declared the motion approved.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to hire James Manes as the code enforcement officer. Upon a voice vote the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods said the City had put a large dumpster at the City's Street Shop for residents of Tyronza to use to dump unwanted items. The charge will be \$25.00 a pickup truck load and will have to be paid before dumping. The hours will be 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday and 8 am to 12 pm on Saturdays. The police department will take care of opening up the dumpster on Saturdays. Information about the dumpster will be posted on the City's Facebook page and on the newsletter sent out with the water bills. The dumpster will be monitored with cameras.

Mayor Woods announced the Tyronza Stars & Stripes Festival will be held on June 13th & June 14th.

Mayor Woods asked if the council members had anything else they would like to discuss.

Barbara Ross said she saw where there was gas that was not logged.

She also said she had complaints about flooding Oak Street and Mullins Street. She said the City needed to look at cleaning out culverts and possibly charge the homeowners for cleaning the culvert out.

Causes of flooding on Oak Street and Mullins Street were discussed.

Barbara said there was also a lot of rainwater getting into the sewer system. She said the City might want to look at doing a smoke test of the City's sewer lines to see where the rain water was getting into the lines.

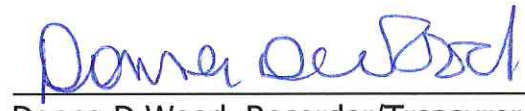
Daniel Brewington asked if a decision had been made on Brian Hosman's water source.

Mayor Woods said he would be getting his water from the Whitten/Birdsong water system.

Barbara Ross mentioned there were some articles in the City & Town magazine published by the Arkansas Municipal League on condemnation of property. She said there was also some upcoming training.

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



Jeff Woods, Mayor

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer