

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
November 20th, 2025**

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

Barbara Ross gave the invocation.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the October 16th, 2025, council meeting minutes. Kristina Woods, 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 October 16th, 2025, regular council meeting minutes. Willie Harris, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

The expenditure reports were next on the agenda.

Mayor Woods asked for a motion to approve the expenditure reports for October 2025.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Daniel Brewington, moved to approve the expenditure reports.

Mayor Woods then opened the floor for any discussion on the expenditure reports.

Willie Harris asked about a check written for a psych evaluation for Houston Daniels in the amount of \$125.00

Mayor Woods said Chief Spain was considering hiring Mr. Daniels as a part-time officer and the psych evaluation was required.

Willie asked if Mr. Daniels was certified.

Mayor Woods said he was not certified. He would have to be certified.

Barbara Ross said the electric bill for the city hall and the police department was the very same amount.

R/T Wood said the city hall and police department were connected to the same electric meter and the cost of the monthly bills was equally split between the two buildings.

Michael questioned a check written to the East Poinsett County Band.

R/T Woods said the school band came to the City's block party and played at the block party. They provided a service for the city.

Willie said it sounded like a donation to her. She then asked City attorney Gazaway if it would be considered a donation.

Mr. Gazaway said the City could not give away city property. He said it sounded like the City got something for it, which was they came and played music for the City. He said he did not think it was a donation, the City paid for a service.

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

The meeting then moved on to new business on the agenda.

An application for a city credit card was first on the agenda in new business.

City Attorney Gazaway then read the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SECURE A CREDIT CARD FOR PURPOSES OF AIDING IN PURCHASING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES, ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CREDIT CARD, AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Willie Harris said it was her understanding that the City already had a Capital One credit card.

Mayor Woods said the card had expired.

Willie asked if what was being discussed was a credit card and not a debit card.

R/T Woods said it was a credit card.

Willie said the City would be charged interest.

Daniel Brewington said the attached credit card policy said the card was to be paid off each month.

Michael Hood asked who would be using the credit card.

Mayor Woods said he would be the one who would be responsible for the card.

Barbara asked who was going to be listed as authorized users.

Mayor Wood said that Donna Wood, the R/T, would be put on the application as an authorized user and would be responsible for keeping the card and giving it out for needed purchases.

With no further discussion, Kristiana Woods, 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.

The Mayor put the question on the adoption of the motion to the council. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve the motion.

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.

Willie Harris, seconded by Kristina Woods, 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. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

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 Kristina Woods, moved for the ordinance to be adopted.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Barbara Ross, moved to adopt the emergency clause.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Cheryl Woods and Jennifer Williams then spoke for the 100th Year Celebration Committee.

Cheryl said the committee was planning a grand celebration and asked the council to consider putting a line item in the budget for the celebration to help cover the cost. She gave the council details about the different events that were being planned.

Willie Harris asked how much money the committee was anticipating it needed.

Cheryl said the committee was asking for \$10,000.00. The council said it would have to review the budget.

Cheryl and Jennifer thanked the council for their consideration.

A proposed 2025 amended budget was presented to the council and a budget workshop was scheduled for December 2nd at 6pm.

The Municipal Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan for Elected Officials and Department Heads renewal was then discussed.

Willie Harris seconded by Michael Hood moved to renew the Municipal Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan for Elected Officials and Department Heads for 2026.

Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The renewal of the Firefighter's Income Protection Plan was next to be discussed.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Michael Hood, moved to renew the Firefighter's Income Protection Plan for 2026.

Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The Interlocal Agreement for Operation of 911 Emergency and Dispatch Center was presented to the council.

Mayor Woods said the agreement was between the City of Tyronza and the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department for police and fire dispatch. Poinsett County had put an antenna for radio communication on the City of Tyronza's water tower and in turn the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office would not charge the City for the police and fire dispatch.

Barbara asked if the City's radios were up to date and were they able to communicate with Poinsett County. She said the agreement stated the City would be responsible for the cost of equipment needed to communicate with them. She said the agreement was a three-year agreement.

Mayor Woods said the departments were supposed to already have the equipment needed and were able to communicate with the Poinsett County Sheriff's Department currently.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Michael Hood, moved for the City of Tyronza to enter into the Interlocal Agreement for Operation of 911 Emergency and Dispatch Center and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

A storage building for the Senior Center was next on the agenda.

Michael Hood said the ladies at the Sr. Center told him they needed a storage building to store some items in. He said items were currently being stored in the mechanical room and it was hard for anyone to get into to do any work when needed.

Michael said they were thinking about a 12 x 20 or 10 x 15 building.

Mayor Woods said he would check around for prices and different types of buildings and get a price.

Mayor Woods said the city workers were given a \$500.00 bonus last year. He said the employees who were doing VIN verification and were doing an outstanding job with the VIN verifications. He said he would like to ask for \$500.00 more on top of the \$500.00 that was given last year for a total of \$1,000.00 for a bonus.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Patty Barger moved to approve the bonuses.

After discussion, a voice vote was taken, and the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to old business.

Douglas Gardner asked to be put on the agenda to address the zoning request by the Tacker's Zoning Request and a foliage barrier.

Mayor Woods asked Mr. Gardner to keep his comments under five minutes.

Mr. Gardner stated he said he appreciated the opportunity to speak.

He then said he would like for it to be duly noted that he categorically rejected Barbara Ross's claim of slander against her, made by his mother and him. It was both inaccurate and unjustified.

He said that he requested it be duly noted that he pleaded the council to openly discuss the concerns he presented against rezoning the Tacker property.

He requested the it be duly noted that less than five acres were available for horticulture practices listed in the Tacker's rezoning application.

He requested that it be duly noted that the type of property surrounded by or abutted up to Mr. Tacker's land was not all agricultural property. He said the north property was abutted up to residential property and the south property was abutted up to a drainage ditch.

He said according to city planning the abutting agricultural properties to the east and west were to be requested rezoned to residential when available.

He requested it be duly noted that Act 505 of FOIA enacted 04/25 clearly defined discussion and deliberations made by government body members concerning public matters were public information. He said he was hereby requesting all discussions and deliberations not made in public meetings concerning the alleged grass violations, alleged foliage barrier, and rezoning application of the Tacker property made this year be gathered and documented so that discussions and deliberations were made public information so that he could review them.

He said he would like it to be duly noted on 08/25, the planning board cleared the room and went into an executive session to discuss a public matter.

He then said he would like to read a statement from his mother, Christine Gardner.

The statement said, "I, Christine Gardner, do hereby request that it be duly noted in the minutes of the council meeting of November 20th, 2025, that I absolutely object to the accusation that Barbara Ross made during the council meeting on October 16th, 2025, stating that my son, Douglas Gardner, and I had slandered her and the things involving her name that were said in their statements presented to the council on that date were incorrect and untrue."

I copy of what Mr. Gardner presented was given to the Recorder/Treasurer to be put with the minutes.

The council then moved to an ordinance to rezone the Tacker property.

Mayor Woods noted that the tax records state that Mr. Tacker was currently paying taxes on the land the he was requesting to be rezoned as crop, pasture and timber.

City Attorney Gazaway said that may be how the land was assessed for tax purposes. He said he thought for the purposes of city zoning plan, the land would have to be changed from Residential to Agriculture by an ordinance.

City Attorney Gazaway then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REZONING A 6.7 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 333 CHURCH STREET IN THE CITY OF TYRONZA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 8.99 ACRES FROM R-1 TO AGRICULTURE IN PART" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris, 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 Mayor put the question on the adoption of the motion to the council. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve the motion.

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.

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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.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Daniel Brewington, moved for the ordinance to be adopted.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The Mayor thereupon declared the ordinance adopted.

Next on the agenda was the food truck ordinance.

City Attorney Gazaway read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOBILE VENDING SITES, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FOOD TRUCK COURTS IN THE CITY OF TYRONZA, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, OPERATIONAL STANDARDS, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Barbara Ross seconded by Daniel Brewington made a motion to approve the ordinance.

Mayor Woods asked if there was any discussion.

Michael Hood asked if a \$50.00 permit was purchased, would the person purchasing the permit be able to come in each day without having to get a three-day lease agreement.

Daniel Brewinton said the lease agreement was for a public zoned spot. He said if a spot was purchased from a private citizen, the \$50.00 permit was just for them to do business in town. The \$50.00 permit was for one year.

Daniel said a person could purchase a month-to-month or 3-day lease in a Public Food Vendor Zone Agreement.

Barbara asked the Mayor and City Attorney if they found out if the City would have to honor other Cities business license permits.

The information that Mr. Gazaway said he was finding was that an Arkansas City cannot honor or accept another city's business license or mobile vendor permit unless its own local ordinances allow it. Cities are separate municipalities with their own regulatory authority and business permits are not transferable to other cities by default. Cities have independent licensing authority; a city may choose to recognize outside permits but only by ordinance. Health inspections and food truck rules still apply. He the City could recognize Health Inspection Permits but not business license or local vendor permits unless a city passes an ordinance to honor them.

Barbara said that was not in the Food Truck ordinance so the City would charge a Food Truck Vendor for a city business license.

The R/T asked if a food truck vendor would have to purchase a city business license and a food truck permit.

Mr. Gazaway said from the information that he was reading, the city could honor another city's business license by ordinance, if it was not in the ordinance, they would have to purchase a business license and a food truck vendor permit.

Daniel asked if the city could just call the food truck permit a business license

Barbara said the wording would have to be changed from annual permit to annual business permit and that would be a requirement for just a business license.

Mr. Gazaway said the council could define in the ordinance either food truck vendors needed to purchase just a city business license and no food truck permit or define in the ordinance that the city would honor other valid city licenses and require them to purchase a food truck permit.

Mr. Gazaway said what he was understanding from discussion was the council did not want to require someone who was only going to be in town operating a mobile food truck to buy a business license in addition to an annual permit.

The council said correct.

He said the way to make that clear was to just add in the mobile vending unit or food truck permit section, that a mobile vending unit food truck shall not be required to obtain a separate business license in addition to the annual permit fee.

Mr. Gazaway said there would need to be a motion to add the suggested language in order to pass the ordinance that night.

Barbara asked if that language would be added under section two.

Mr. Gazaway said it would need to be added to section 2A.

He went on to say that if a mobile vending site and food truck court would be required to have a business license, the requirement would need to be added to Section C2. The suggested language to add was "A valid city business license".

The council agreed that a food truck court permit would only be required to have an annual permit.

A question was asked could someone with residential property lease out a spot for a mobile vending site.

Barbara said mobile vending sites could only be placed on commercial property.

Mr. Gazaway asked if the council wanted to amend section 2a to add section 4 to say "a mobile vending unit or food truck is not required to obtain a city business license".

Kristana Woods asked if the language "as long as they have a business license from another town", needed to be added to section 2A section 4.

Mr. Gazaway said that would be a council decision.

The council agreed that was what they wanted it to say.

Mr. Gazaway said he thought what they wanted to say was "a mobile vending unit or food truck is not required to obtain a city business license in addition to the annual permit fee so long as they present a valid business license issued by another city in the State of Arkansas."

Mr. Gazaway asked if there were any other changes.

Barbara said on section C, Food Truck Court Permit, a change needed to be made to require only a business license, not an annual permit fee. She suggested changing C3 to say "the annual business license of \$50.00 and is pro-rated throughout the year. The annual business license will expire on December 31."

Mr. Gazaway said he would strike number 3 completely and add under number 2, the language "a valid city business license".

Mr. Gazaway asked if those were the only two changes.

The council said they believed so.

Mr. Gazaway asked if anyone would like to make a motion to change the ordinance.

Barbara said she had one more question. If someone were to dispute moving when they had a third offense, what would be the process to get them to move.

Mr. Gazaway said if someone absolutely refused to move from whoever's property it was, the property owner would have to take action to have them removed. Legal action would have to be taken.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Daniel Brewington, moved to accept the amended language in the proposed ordinance. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Daniel Brewington, moved that the rule requiring the reading of any ordinance in full on three different days be suspended, and that the amended ordinance be placed on its second reading by title only.

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Michael Hood, seconded by Barbara Ross, moved the ordinance to be adopted as amended.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The Mayor thereupon declared the amended ordinance adopted.

Mayor Woods asked if anyone else had any other business.

Michael Hood said he would like to commend the Mayor for getting the Highway Department to clean out the culvert out by the interstate in which the drainage ditch beside the post office drains too.

With there being no further business, Kristina Woods seconded by Daniel Brewington moved to adjourn.



Jeff Woods, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer