

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 16th, 2026**

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: Barbara Ross Michael Hood, Daniel Brewington, Patty Barger, and Kristina Woods. Absent: Willie Harris. 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 June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods asked if there was a motion to approve the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Barbara Ross, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows unanimous to approve.

The expenditure reports were next on the agenda.

Mayor Woods asked for a motion to approve the expenditure reports for July 2026.

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

Mayor Woods then opened the floor for any discussion on the expenditures.

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

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

R/T Wood told the council that the USDA CD would be renewing on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. She spoke with Lisa Cavit at Armor Bank about what the renewal rate would be.

The rates offered were the six-month rate special of 3.85% APR with a 3.9% APY for eight months. which was what the term on the CD. The City would not have to cash the CD in to renew at that rate, the current rate would just be bumped up to the new rate. The other rate was an eleven-month CD at 3.93% APR with 4.00% APY. The current CD would have to be brought in and redone for this rate.

Barbara Ross seconded by Patty Barger, moved to approve the special six-month rate of 3.85% APR with at a 3.93% APY. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda.

Barbara Ross gave an update on the sidewalk grant.

The sidewalk grant had been awarded; the funding timing was unknown.

There was an option to spend \$39,000 on construction, or on engineer fees. It was decided by Mayor Woods and Barbara Ross to spend the \$39,000.00 on construction.

Bond Engineering had made the plans for the project and sent them in.

The process of getting the work completed has been a two-year process but hopefully the actual work on the sidewalk would start soon.

Mayor Woods announced the City did receive a grant from the State Street Aide to repave some roads in the city. Bids on the repaving will be going out, and the repaving would start in 2028.

The mid-year review on payroll was next to be discussed.

Mayor Wood said the council talked about coming back to the table to talk about a bonus or percentage raise for the city employees during a budget workshop.

Barbara said there were a lot of issues to address with payroll positions and salaries that she felt could not get done without a workshop special meeting.

She then said as for as the bonuses, the council promised at budget time that they would readdress bonuses in the middle of the year if the Vin verifications brought in money. She said she felt because of the extra work, she felt the council should give a mid-year bonus because the employees had gone over and beyond in working on the Vin verifications and had done a good job.

Mayor Wood said before a vote was taken, that he felt Matt Huff should be included because he had worked half of the year for the city.

Barbara Ross moved that a \$500.00 bonus be given to the employees, including Matt Huff, and the \$500.00 be prorated for part-time employees.

Barbara suggested the council have a special meeting to address a percentage raise for the rest of the year.

Kristina Woods seconded the motion.

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

Next to be discussed in new business was a professional service agreement with Municipal Partners of Arkansas LLC.

The council members were given a copy of the agreement in their council packets to review.

Mayor Woods and City Attorney Gazaway also received a copy of the agreement to review before the council meeting.

Mayor Woods asked the council if they saw anything that needed to be changed.

There were concerns on the fee of \$2,000.00 a month.

There were concerns on whether the city would be eligible for some grants due to its LMI.

It was suggested that maybe the city should work on getting the LMI reevaluated before entering into the contract. This could be done by conducting a local LMI study.

It was suggested to invite Bill Campbell to come to a council meeting to explain the work that would be done through the contract.

A decision on the contract was tabled pending discussion.

The meeting then moved to old business.

First to be discussed in old business was the condemnation ordinance and accumulation of junk ordinance.

City Attorney Gazaway said he and Barbara were not able to get together to discuss the ordinances. He suggested they discuss the ordinances in the special meeting that was going to be called.

The meeting then moved on to the last item on the agenda in old business, an ordinance amending ordinance 2026-003-the finance director ordinance.

There was then discussion on Donna's Recorder/Treasurer term ending on July 31; a vacancy would begin on August 1, 2026.

Proposed early August actions:

Pass ordinance separating Recorder and Treasurer roles.

Make Treasurer appointed (example salary discussed: \$100/month) with limited duties.

Hire/contract bookkeeping per prior ordinance.

Mayor to appoint Recorder with council approval; swear in at meeting.

Temporary minute-taking by an elected official or employee pending legal confirmation.

Clarify if special election is required or appointment extends to next regular election.

City Attorney Gazaway would review legal requirements and advise the council at the special meeting.

City Attorney Gazaway said a couple of things needed to be settled before amending the finance director ordinance, what the pay will be for a person if hired and an amount of pay for contract, if the council wants contract in the ordinance.

Barbara Ross seconded by Patty Barger, moved to change ordinance 2023-003 from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and to also change the wording to would be employee or contractor.

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

The Interlocal Agreement between Poinsett County and the City of Tyronza was next to be discussed.

Mayor Woods asked the council to give him approval to sign the agreement.

Mayor Woods said he met with the Poinsett County officials and addressed the concerns the council had in the agreement. The Poinsett County officials agreed to the agreement to have a one-year term instead of a three-year term and they were also agreeable for a 30-day termination notice instead of a 6-month termination notice.

After discussion, Kristina Woods seconded by Patty Barger, moved to give the mayor approval to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Poinsett County.

Mayor Woods presented prices on a new zero turn mower. The prices presented were through the state purchasing contracts.

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| Barton Equipment | Kubota Z726XKWNC-60 Zero Turn Mower   | \$12,200.00 |
| Barton Equipment | John Deere Z950M Z Track Mower        | \$13,353.34 |
| Barton Equipment | Kubota ZG327PANC – 60 Zero Turn Mower | \$14,156.72 |

After discussion, Barbara Ross seconded by Patty Barger moved to authorize the mayor to purchase the John Deere Z950 Z Track Mower for \$13,353.34. Upon a voice vote, the following voted in favor, Kristina Woods, Patty Barger, Barbara Ross and Daniel Brewington. Michael Hood opposed the motion. Mayor Woods declared the motion carried.

Mayor Woods announced the filing period to run for council, and mayor would start at noon on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and run through noon August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Douglas Gardner asked to speak with the council.

He said the mosquito truck was only spraying as it went down Church Street and not spraying as it came back up Church Street.

Mayor Woods said he would stop the spray truck and ask him to start spraying.

Douglas then handed each of the council members copies of pictures he took of a yard to get their thoughts. He said at a zoning meeting last year there was talk about having a buffer on the rezoned property so that noxious weed, seeds and other things did not come onto other properties.

The special meeting was then scheduled for August 4 at 6:30 PM.

Michael Hood said he had someone to ask him why the grass on one side of Church Street was not being mowed.

Mayor Wood said there were flags that someone had put out on that side of Church Street. He said he would get with David Smith to see what the flags were marking.

Michael asked when the work at the walking trail would be completed.

Barbara said they had been working on it and that they would have to bring in a big truck and needed to wait until the ground was dry to bring it in so it would not cut ruts in the ground.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Michael Hood, then moved to adjourn.

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

  
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Jeff Woods, Mayor

  
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Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer