

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 16, 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: Willie Harris, Michael Hood, Daniel Brewington, Barbara Ross, Patty Barger, 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 March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Barbara Ross, 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 March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Barbara Ross asked for a correction to be made to the third page of the minutes. The minutes said that Dedman should be notified by July thirtieth. She said the correct date should be April the ninth. The City had ninety days before the contract was up to notify Dedman Sanitation.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to approve the minutes with correction. 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 February 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.

Barbara Ross said she saw where the check written for cleaning up the roads during the snowstorm was paid out of street fund. She requested the council to agree to put the funds back in street fund because it was an emergency thing for the whole city. She requested for the funds to come out come out of the general fund because the street fund was hurting for funds.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris moved to move the expense to the general fund under emergency preparedness. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Barbara said she noticed where checks for bills were lost in the mail. She asked if the checks ever came through.

The R/T said that the checks did come through.

Barbara asked if the computer in the water truck was being used to read the digital meters that were purchased.

The R/T said it was not being used to read meters and that Matt was doing some mapping of sewer lines and water lines.

Mayor Woods said that Matt was also taking pictures and documenting the new subdivision development.

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

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

First was a public hearing for the Fun Park Grant.

Mayor Woods asked Barbara Ross to speak about the Fun Park Grant. She said the Fun Park Grant application had opened up and there were steps to go through to apply for the grant. One of the steps was for the City to pass a resolution to apply for it. The grant was for a hundred thousand dollars, and it was a no matching grant.

She said she was told that they would not fund a tennis court. A tennis court could be applied for on a matching grant, but not on a fun park grant.

The City could apply to upgrade the cushioning for fall for its current play structures and could also apply to get new play equipment.

She said there were several things that the City could do out in the park and there needed to be a park meeting to choose the equipment up to a hundred thousand dollars.

She said the City could apply to extend the walking trail.

She said the grant would not fund a splash pad or anything to do with water and they would not fund a tennis court. It was not in hard written language, but she was told that they were not going to favor somebody getting a tennis court over equipment that would be used by multiple kids.

She then requested for the Council to pass the resolution to apply for the Fun Park Grant.

City Attorney Gazaway then read the proposed resolution entitled A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZED APPLICATION FOR FUN PARK GRANT in full.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris, moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve. The resolution was given number 2026-03.

Daniel Brewington asked when the application had to be submitted.

Barbara said the Fun Park Grant would open May first and would close in August, but there were a lot of things to do. There had to be a cleanup day and there was different paperwork that had to be prepared.

Mayor Wood said there would need to be a public meeting.

Barbara encouraged anyone listening on Facebook to post what they'd like to see in the park and that there would be a little public meeting to look at some books and pick out some equipment for those willing to attend the meeting.

The meeting then moved to old business.

A sound system for the court room was first in old business.

The council reviewed a quote from Arkansas Communications. The quote was for \$6,100.88 and was for two JBL speakers, an 8-channel automated microphone mixer, eight microphones, a crown amplifier, an eight-foot multicable, four ten-foot extension cables and technical service to install.

Four thousand dollars from the ARPA money had been obligated to purchase a sound system for the court room.

Three hundred dollars would be deducted from the quote if the current microphone mixer could be used.

There was a question about the guarantee and warranty.

Arkansas Communications was the company that installed the projector and sound system at the Senior Center.

Barbara Ross said she would say, if the Mayor could talk to them about the warranty, know that it would actually work, that there wasn't going to be any feedback, and they would warranty their work, the Council would give the mayor the authority to purchase the sound system.

Babara Ross seconded by Michael Hood moved to give the Mayor the authority to make the decision on purchasing the sound system. Upon a voice vote the voting was unanimous to approve.

Next to be discussed in old business was a credit card system to accept payments.

The council was presented a proposal from Karla Wilson with Local Credit Card Processing. A recommendation from Lisa Cavitt at Armor Bank.

The quote was for providing a WiFi Terminal and processing for a flat fee of \$60.00 a month or the City could buy a machine for \$380.00 plus tax and the processing fees would be around \$22.50 per month. This would be with passing the percentage to the customer. There would not be any annual fees or a contract.

After discussion, the council asked the Mayor to look at the square credit card processor.

Mayor Woods discussed the proposed garbage rate increase requested by Dedman Sanitation.

R/T Wood said the contract with Dedman said any proposed modification of the schedule of fees shall be requested by Dedmon and is subject to the city's approval. The rate and charges

fixed by Dedman, either initially or as a result of agreement of the parties, shall not be unreasonable or unjust.

Barbara Ross said she would say the council should object to the rate increase until the council got open bids.

There was then discussion on giving Dedman a notice of possibly ending the contract with them and getting other bids for the City's garbage service.

Mayor Woods said there wasn't a notice given to Dedman Sanitation that the City was discontinuing the contract with them. He said there needed to be something in place before giving that kind of notice and the contract required a ninety-day notice.

Mayor Woods also said he needed City Attorney Gazaway to look at the contract to see the correct way of giving the ninety-day notice.

City Attorney Gazaway then looked at the contract.

He then read in the contract "This contract shall remain in effect for one year from its date, and it shall thereafter be automatically extended for one- year periods, unless canceled by either party upon not less than 90 days written notice to the other party. Prior to the expiration of the existing term." He then stated that the expiration of the existing term would be July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, so ninety-days before that would be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Mayor Woods said he notified Dedman Sanitation on April 12<sup>th</sup> that the City would be putting the garbage service out for bids.

City Attorney Gazaway said he was not sure if that counted as a cancellation notice or not.

Mayor Woods said the City would still have to put the RFP out and for bids to come in and that was going to take a while anyway.

City Atty Gazaway said he had checked on whether it needed to be bid out, and he was confident that public bidding was required for the contract for garbage service, given the amount of the contract.

Fire Chief Chris Daniel then spoke to the council.

He gave an update on the replacement of the tanker truck.

He said the fire dept had acquired a truck through the forestry service. He said they were given a ten-thousand-dollar refurbishment grant for the truck and it was really hard to give an exact price to replace the truck.

He said the service department told him, it would be upwards in the thirty five thousand dollars range and taking the ten thousand dollars grant off, they would be looking at twenty five thousand.

He said it was not going to cost that much because they were going a different route, they were not going with a metal tank like was on the previous truck, they were going to with a plastic tank.

He said they would probably receive the truck in late summer or fall. He said the wrecked tanker truck had been sold to Rusty Holmes for \$5,000.00. Rusty was giving the tank on the wrecked truck back to the fire department.

Chief Daniels then spoke to the council about a firefighter project he had been working on.

He said David Smith with Smith Construction got the pamphlet, he gave to the council members on the project, together for him. He explained the design to the council. The cost of the project was between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00. He said David Smith was going to donate to the project, he was paying for it basically.

Chris also said the fire department was going to vote on donating \$1,000.00 from their fundraising funds to the project.

He said there would be opportunities for the public to donate to the project also, they could donate to purchase one of the four memorial benches at \$500.00 each. Memorial pavers could also be purchased for \$250.00 each.

Chris said he believed the fire department needed to be able to honor the ones who established the fire department who have passed on and to continue to honor the ones in the future that will pass on.

He asked the council to consider passing a resolution that would allow them to build the firefighter memorial.

He also asked the council to consider helping financially. He said Mr. Smith was donating his labor, time and money and any financial support would take some of the burden off of him.

Willie asked who would maintain the memorial.

Chris said he would be the point of contact and that the fire department would maintain the memorial. He said they would make a resolution in their bylaws that the memorial would be maintained by the fire department.

Michael Hood suggested a resolution be presented at the next council meeting.

Barbara said the proposal would need to be updated because there is an amount of money on the proposal that the City would be responsible for.

Mayor Woods asked if there was anything other discussion.

Barbara said she would like to hear from City Attorney Gazaway on an update on the ordinance on dilapidated houses.

Jimmy said he emailed Caleb Alexander, from the Municipal League, who dealt with those type of ordinances, and he sent him all of their sample ordinances for cleanup and nd he had made those into ordinances for the city of Tontitown, but he didn't get them sent out to everyone

well enough or in advance of the meeting so that everyone would have a chance to review them and get them on the agenda.

He said he also received ordinances that the City of Mountain Home used, those were a little different from the sample ordinances. The sample ordinances were only recommended ordinances.

He said he would send the ordinances to the council members for them to review, and they could discuss them at the next meeting.

Mayor Woods then asked if there was any other discussion.

Willie Harris said she would like the Mayor to give them an update on the part-time water clerk position. She said the council never agreed to a full-time position.

Mayor Woods said the only thing that he heard was just leave it like it was, and it would be discussed down the road.

He then said the position was full-time at that time and that it was the city council's call and that it was not up to him.

Willie Harris said she thought the council had already agreed in the budget that it was going to be a part-time position.

Further discussion was as follows:

February packet referenced part-time water clerk; job duties requested but not delivered.

Hire ("Faith Raine") working full-time during training; agreed to part-time or full-time in interview.

Council must decide position status and funding; not solely administrative.

Budget concerns: No budget for third full-time clerk with benefits; sales tax down this month.

Benefits eligibility may begin after 60–90 days; avoid enroll-then-remove scenarios.

Compliance: New full-time positions require ordinance; prior ordinance did not authorize third full-time position.

Funding structure: Historically split between General Fund and Water;

Council requested job duty lists and general list descriptions for cross-training.

Item to be placed on next agenda; favored tabling until next month with budget impact and duties list.

Michael Hood said he would like to commend the ladies on the hundred-year celebration scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. He said he thought they have done a good job.

Mayor Woods announced the Stars & Stripes Festival would be June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chris McCorkle asked if his mowing contract could be discussed at the next council meeting.

Mayor Woods said they would put it on the agenda for the next month's meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Woods", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Woods, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna D Wood", written over a horizontal line.

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer