

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
March 19th, 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 February 19th, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Willie Harris, 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 February 19th, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Patty Barger, seconded by Kristina Woods, 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 February 2026.

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

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

Willie Harris questioned a check written to Smith Installation in the amount of \$3,050.00 out of the General Fund.

Mayor Woods said the check was payment for the final work on the stage.

Barbara Ross questioned a maturity date on the USDA CD. The maturity date showed to be 11/21/2025 on the balance report.

R/T Woods stated it was a typo error and should be 2026.

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

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

Rodney Harris was first on the agenda to speak about his water bill.

He said he would like to address the council about being billed for ten gallons of water. He said he received a water bill in February 2026 and paid the bill then in March he received two water bills. One of the bills showed to be delinquent. The second bill was for one of his rental units and the bill went to the rental unit address in February.

He then said in the past whenever he wanted water service he would go to the water department and set up services. He said he did not authorize anyone to set up services for that rental unit.

He said he then went to the water office and was told that since ten gallons of water was used at his rental unit a bill was generated and he would need to go and talk to the Mayor about the bill. He said he went and talked to the Mayor about the bill.

He said in the past when he wanted water turned on he would come to the office and pay a deposit for water to be turned on and that he thought it was identity theft for the water to be turned on without him asking for it to be turned on.

He said he ended up with a bill and late charge over ten gallons of water.

Mayor Woods said there were policies the Water Department had to go by. He said with the Act 605, a water department was required to charge for water usage. He said Mr. Harris did bring him a water bill and told him he did not think it was right for him to be charged what he was being charged.

Mayor Woods said he then went up to the Water Department and asked about the bill. He said it was explained to him that when a tenant moved out and closed their water account and there was water used after the close out date, and there wasn't another tenant that had moved in, the landlord would be charged for any water usage used after a tenant moved out.

Mayor Woods then said whatever the policy was, it had to be done for everyone.

He said he then told Melissa the garbage could be taken off the bill because Mr. Harris did not use the garbage can.

He said he was going to uphold the policies and do what the policies required.

Barbara said the council may need to address locking water meters up when someone leaves the place they are living in.

Michael Hood asked why the meter was not locked up. He said when tenants moved out of an apartment, the meter needed to be locked up by the water department.

Mayor Wood said he would check on getting the late fee removed also.

Rodney said he wanted to request that when the water is turned off on any of his property, he wanted the water locked up. He also said if he wanted it turned on he would go to the water department and make his deposit to get it turned on.

Kristina Woods suggested looking at crediting the mosquito spray fee off the bill also.

Mayor Woods said he would look at that and would also look to see if there was anyway legally to credit the whole water bill.

The council then move to the next item on the agenda, a garbage pickup proposal.

The council members were give a written proposal for garbage pick up in their council packets from Welch Sanitation.

Michael Wells, operations manager at Welch Hall and Sanitation, then spoke to the council. He asked the council if they had any questions on how they operated.

Daniel Brewington asked if they service any of the surrounding towns.

Mr. Wells said the closest they operated to Tyronza was between Osceola and Wilson and the also service Big River Steele. He said they also service several areas in the boot heel.

Willie Harris is they would be picking up garbage like Dedman does, one day a week.

Mr. Wells said their route would be one day a week. He also said one of the things that set them apart from most of their competitors was their service. He said he took a lot of pride in making sure they provide customer service. He said people are paying for trash pickup and wanted to make sure it got picked up. He said they never missed a day of work during the snow in January. They operated in a way that is safe and careful. He said they would pick up any trash overflow that was set beside the trash can. He said they would pick up things like hot water heaters. He said they offered dumpsters. He said if his guys missed emptying a trash can, they would come back and get it.

Mayor Woods thanked Mr. Wells for coming and presenting his quote. He said the City would have to send out RFPS for other companies to present bids.

City Attorney Gazaway agreed that RFPS would need to be requested.

Barbara Ross said she didn't think there was enough time for RFPS. The city would have to notify Dedman by April 9th to cancel the current contract. She said if the deadline was missed the City would have to wait another year to change services.

City Attorney Gazaway felt the contract price would be over the allowed threshold and the City would have to request competitive bidding.

The meeting then moved to old business and first in old business was an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board

Mayor Woods said he read the ordinance and it said that only five board members were needed to serve on the board. Those who have agreed to serve were James E Smith, Jr, Steve Griffin, Hank Emrich, Joey Cavitt and Sandy Harris.

Barbara Ross seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to appoint James E Smith Jr, Steve Griffin, Hank Emrich, Joey Cavitt and Sandy Harris to the Planning and Zoning Board. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

A resolution to update the Racial Profiling Policy was next on the agenda.

City Attorney Gazaway read the proposed resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BIAS-BASED POLICING FOR THE TYONZA POLCE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" in full.

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

City Attorney Gazaway the read the proposed resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MOBILE DIGITIAL RECORDING (MDR) POLICY FOR THE TYRONZA POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" in full.

Michael Hood seconded by Daniel Brewington, moved to adopt the resolution. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Woods reported that work on the walking trail would begin around April 15th, and it would take a couple of weeks to do the repairs, weather permitting.

Mayor Woods asked if there were any other business that needed to be discussed.

Willie Harris said she was asked for it to be brought up about Robert Reese's old house. She said her brother-in-law has mowed the yard since Robert had been gone. He will no longer be able to mow the yard anymore. She suggested that Melissa, Mr. Ruiz's daughter, be contacted about keeping the yard mowed.

Mayor Woods said he would like to wait on the updated ordinances on keeping grass mowed before sending out any letters on the condition of yards.

City Attorney Gazaway said updating those ordinances needed to be discussed at the next council meeting.

Willie said another thing she wanted to mention was for Mayor Woods to put a fence around your property over on Memphis Street. She said she knew the property had been accepted for the historical aspect, but there were a lot of people int town, that thought a fence needed to be put up around his property.

Mayor Woods said he had plans to put up a fence at that location.

Barbara Ross asked City Attorney Gazaway was there anything in the updated ordinance he was working on that address a fence to hide junk in a back yard.

He said there wasn't anything in it requiring a fence to hide junk in the back yard that he could recall that require that. He asked Barbara if that was something she wanted in the ordinance.

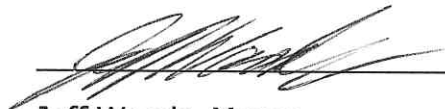
She said she thought the old ordinance had it in there.

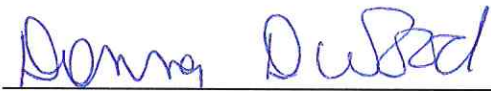
Kristine Woods said she had been looking at storage buildings for the Senior Center. She asked the council to set a price that she could spend on the building.

After discussion, Michael Hood seconded by Willis Harris moved to set a \$5,000.00 plus sales tax limit on the storage building. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Michael Hood said he appreciated the Mayor getting with the highway department about the drainage ditch beside the post office.

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



Jeff Woods, Mayor

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer