

TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 21st, 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 April 16th, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Kristina Woods, seconded by Michael Hood, 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 April 16th, 2026, regular council meeting minutes.

Michael Hood, seconded by Willie Harris, 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 April 2026.

Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris, 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 Ethan Gann in the amount of \$411.88.

Mayor Woods said Ethan was a firefighter and the check was for fire runs he had made.

Barbara Ross noted the city had received \$17,589.32 in city sales tax for April and asked if there was an explanation for that amount.

The R/T said a NACIS report was attached to the back of the sales tax report and on the very last page of the report it showed \$14,634.66 was collected in the category, -Other-NAICS with Less Than 3 Business. Those were all the details that were given on the collections. She also said someone from DFA called and talked with Mayor Woods about the extra funds. The Mayor was told a refund could be filed and the money would be withheld from future sales taxes that the City would receive.

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

Barbara said there was a surplus in the General Fund. She suggested some of the money be put into a Certificate of Deposit.

The council members receive a copy of the report in the mail.

Mayor Woods reported there were no findings. The report stated "During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report."

The meeting then moved to old business and first to be discussed in old business was to review the Condemnation Ordinance and Junk Accumulation Ordinance.

- The council reviewed updating the city's condemnation and nuisance ordinance to align with current laws, using samples from the Municipal League and the City of Stevens, Arkansas and the City of Mountain Home ordinances as models.
- **Notice Procedures:** The discussion emphasized robust due process, favoring a combination of certified mail, personal service, posting on the property, and newspaper publication (e.g., in the Jonesboro Sun Arkansas Democrat-Gazette), especially for lien-related notices which may require four consecutive weeks of publication.
- **Enforcement:** To accommodate the city's small staff, the group preferred flexible wording like "mayor or mayor's designee" for enforcement authority, rather than a specific title like "city inspector." This could include police officers or a contracted structural expert.
- **Property Inspection:** The best practice of obtaining an administrative warrant before entering private property for inspection was discussed, unless exigent circumstances (imminent danger) exist.
- **Ordinance Content:** The group considered integrating the existing weed/vegetation ordinance (Section 3) and including a provision for immediate vacation of hazardous inhabited structures (Section 10) for safety and liability reasons.
- **Fines:** A fine of up to \$100 per day per occurrence after the abatement period expires was deemed reasonable and in line with other cities.
- **Drafting:** The group considered combining elements from the City of Stevens ordinance with language from Municipal League samples, particularly for procedures on razing and removing structures post-condemnation. A general repealer clause was favored to avoid accidentally omitting conflicting ordinances.

City Attorney Gazaway was directed to draft a revised ordinance modeled on the City of Stevens ordinance but incorporating robust notice procedures, flexible enforcement authority, provisions for hazardous structures, and a fine structure of up to \$100 per day. The draft will be reviewed at the next meeting

The meeting then moved to the second item in old business, opening bid for garbage service.

Mayor Woods said there were two sealed bids received, one from Dedman Sanitation and one from Welch Sanitation and Hauling.

Patty Barger said she read something on Facebook that windmills were supposed to be coming to Heafer and one of the hold ups was Heifers water system. Heafer purchases water from the Tyronza Water. She had concerns about how that would affect the Tyronza Water System.

Barbara Ross asked if the City could mow the side of Church Street down to the turnaround circle.

Mayor Woods said the City could do that.

Barbara asked if the City could clean up around the three drains at the end of Oak Street near where the Bodry's used to live.

Barbara said there were several streetlights out, she would get the Mayor a list of the lights that were out.

Willie Harris said there was a light at the City's park that was blinking on and off.

Michael gave an update on the City's corn patch. It was planted in a different location from where it had been planted in the past. It was planted just off of Smith Street on the right-hand side. It was planted by Tommy Smith.

Michael Hood said he would like to commend the ladies that did all the work for the city's 100th year celebration, the past weekend.

Kris Woods asked for the balance of \$364.00 left from the 100th Year Celebration to be put into a festival account.

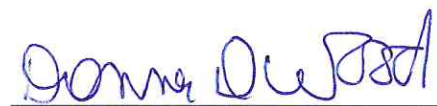
Barbara Ross, seconded by Willie Harris, moved to put the balance of \$364.00 into a festival account to be used for the Halloween and Christmas festivals. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

Michael Hood said he had someone to ask him about putting some type of shade over the bleachers at the stage park.

Barbara Ross said the Mayor could get some estimates.

With there being no further business, Michael Hood, seconded by Kristina Woods, moved to adjourn.



Jeff Woods, Mayor

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer

May 21, 2026

I, Donna Wood, am submitting my resignation as the Recorder/Treasurer for the City of Tyronza, effective July 31st, 2026.

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Date