

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 9th, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Glover. With the roll having been called, the following council members were recorded as present: Tony Turner, Ann Humphries, Shirley Hindman, Angie Allison, Michael Hood and Barbara Ross. A quorum was declared. Also at the meeting were City Attorney Noyl Houston and Recorder/Treasurer Donna Wood.

The invocation was given by Barbara Ross.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the January 12th, 2021 regular council meeting minutes. Tony Turner seconded by Angie Allison, moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Tony Turner seconded by Shirley Hindman, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

There were no February 2021 minutes due to the meeting being cancelled due to an ice storm warning.

The expenditures were next on the agenda.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for January 2021 and February 2021, Tony Turner, seconded by Angie Allison moved to approve the expenditures.

The floor was then opened up to discussion on the expenditures.

Barbara Ross questioned an expense for fire department repairs in the amount of \$165.00.

Charles said it was for hooking the generator up to the fire department and the generator was being checked during the fire meetings.

Barbara also said she saw an expense for LED lights.

Charles said that Jr. Smith converted the light fixtures in the City Hall to LED lights.

There being no further discussion, upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

The meeting then moved to new business on the agenda. First to be discussed was hiring a part-time dog catcher.

Charles said there had been some discussion on hiring a part-time dog catcher. He said he had talked to Rhonda Davis with Marked Tree Animal rescue and believed the City could work with them in finding homes for stray dogs. Charles suggested instead of hiring someone to pick up the dogs he wanted to work with the Marked Tree Animal rescue to help take care of the stray Dogs.

Angie Allison asked who would be picking the dogs up.

Charles said it would be a combination of Anquion, Matt and Danny. Charles also said if a call came in about a dog and it belonged to someone, that person could be issued a citation. He also said the dog could be picked up and the owner would have to pay to get their dog out.

Ann question how it would be determined if the dog was a stray on if the dog had an owner.

Charles said if no one came up to claim a dog that had been picked up, it would be considered a stray dog.

Barbara said she thought the ordinance required a dog that had been picked up to be held a certain number of days.

Ann said the City also had a leash law and it needed to be enforced at the park. She said there was a lot of places at the park where a dog had pooped and it had not been cleaned up.

Barbara said she thought there was a sign at the park asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

Ann said she felt the sign was in the wrong location.

Charles asked if more signs close to the walking trail would be more useful.

Ann said she thought more signs would be useful.

Angie asked who would be picking dogs up in the evening after the city workers had gone home. She said she felt that people were letting the dogs out a night because there were dogs roaming all up and down her street at night and then being let back in during the morning.

Charles said he did not have a good solution for that.

Charles asked Anquion if he had a solution, he said there would need to be somebody local hired to pick the dogs up and put them in the pound.

Tony said the gentleman who lived on Frisco Street, which the City has had problems with about his dogs before, is now parking his vehicles behind A & A and his dogs are either being brought up there or following him up to there. A & A is beside the school and his concern was that with the weather getting warmer, the children at the school would soon be going out to play. He was afraid of the dogs going over to the playground and attacking the children while they were out playing.

Charles said he would make it a point to contact the owner of those dogs.

Shirley asked if a person would have to pay to get their dogs out of the dog pound.

Charles said yes.

Shirley asked if a person would have to show proof of shots.

The R/T said the ordinance says a person would have to show proof of vaccinations and if the dog did not have its vaccinations, the owner would have to sign a statement saying they would have it done in a certain amount of time.

Vehicle repairs were next to be discussed.

Mayor Glover said the 2016 Ford Explorer police care had some work done on it in the previous month. The rear-end had to be replaced and tires had to be replaced due to wire showing on the inside of the tires. The Crown Vic also had work done to it and an estimate of \$17,000.00 was given to get it running.

Charles said the City would have to purchase another car and he would get prices and report back at next month's council meeting.

Michael Hood asked if maintenance records were still being kept.

Charles said that they were.

Shirley suggested the 2016 Explorer be left in the City when Anquion was off duty so that the reserve officer could use it since there was only one police vehicle running at the current time.

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Next in new business, was discussion on changing the council meeting from the second Tuesday to the third Thursday.

Charles explained more time was needed to get the reports together for the council meetings due to court being the first Wednesday and bank statements coming in late.

After discussion, City Attorney Noyl Houston then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

Angie Allison, seconded by Shirley Hindman, 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, and the roll was called. The vote was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous

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 Angie Allison, 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 the roll was called and the voting was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous.

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 was carried and the rule suspended.

The ordinance was then read by title only, thereby placing it upon a third and final reading.

Angie Allison, seconded by Tony Turner, moved the ordinance be adopted.

The question was put by the Mayor to the council on the adoption of the motion, and the roll was called, the voting was as follows: Ayes-Unanimous.

Tony Turner seconded by Angie Allison moved to adopt the emergency clause. Upon a voice vote, the voting was unanimous to approve.

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Mayor Glover thereupon declared the ordinance adopted and signed the ordinance which was attested by the city recorder, and sealed with the seal of the city. The ordinance was given NO 2021-002.

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

Discussion on vacating Thelma Street was then heard.

Mayor Glover said the City received a notarized written consent from Johnathan Drace to abandon Thelma Street.

Michael Hood said he thought that there were more property owner's other than Johnathan Drace that would be affected.

Charles said the county map showed that Thelma Street was only located on property belonging to Johnathan Drace.

There being no further discussion, City Attorney Noyl Houston then read the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING THELMA STREET" in full thereby placing it upon its first reading.

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An update on the carwash property was then given.

Mayor Glover said reported the survey had been completed and title work was currently being done by Poinsett County Abstract.

Shirley asked if the buildings on the property would be torn down.

Charles said he wasn't really sure.

Charles said repair work on the old water tank should begin within the next two weeks. The needed water valve and electricity to do the repairs had also been installed.

The use of the money left over from the water tank repair loan had been approved to go toward purchasing electronic water meters.

Charles said that was all that was on the agenda and asked if the council members had anything they would like to discuss.

Shirley Hindman said the 4-wheelers were still a problem and it was the same two boys.

Anquion said he would talk to them again and explain if they were caught on the 4-wheelers again they would receive a citation and the 4-wheelers would be towed and a hold would be placed on the 4-wheelers until court their court date. He said he would also cite the parents.

Michael Hood asked about getting a police report.

Anquion gave each of the council members a copy of the monthly police report.

Barbara Ross said she had a complaint from a resident living on Ritter Street. The complaint was kids on Pecan shooting BB Guns and trash hanging in the trees. The complainant asked for someone to check into and watch for the kids shooting BB guns.

Barabara asked had a spring clean-up been scheduled yet.

Charles said one had not been scheduled yet but he would see when one could be scheduled.

Angie asked when Vector would start spraying. She said she was already seeing mosquitoes.

Charles said he would call Vector and see when they would start spraying.

Barbara how many gallons the bulk gas tank would hold.

The R/T said it was a 1000-gallon tank.

Barbara said with gas expected to go to \$4.00 a gallon, the City might want to store all it could.

Barbara said during the recent snow storm, the City would have been in real trouble if it were not for the volunteers who used their equipment to clean the streets. She said the backhoe does not have a cab on it and she had talked to Charles before the meeting on getting a price on a new or used backhoe with a cab so the City would be prepared for the next weather emergency.

Charles said the price through the state contract program on a new John Deere backhoe was \$94,300.00.

Barbara suggested getting a price on a used one with trading the old one in.

Charles said he would check on the price of a used backhoe.

Barbara said the City should be prepared to clean the roads when there was a storm that has come through.

Barbara asked about scheduling a personnel policy meeting.

Charles said copies of the personnel policy had been made and asked the committee members to pick up a copy and review. He would get a meeting scheduled.

Barbara asked if there was anyone who requested an interview for the police officer job.

Charles said there wasn't anyone yet.

Anquion said he had been talking to a couple of people to see if they would be interested.

Barbara question Anquion about how many part-time officers could the department have.

Charles reported the radio dispatching was being switched back to Marked Tree.

Shirley Hindman asked for repairs to be made to Mullins, Beley and Walnut Streets.

Charles said the Street Aid Grant would pave city streets in 2022.

Michael Hood said he didn't see where Dedman's had been paid in February.

The R/T said the bill was paid the first week of March.

Ann asked if the walking trail at the park could be repaved.

Charles said he would have to see about getting a grant to work on the walking trail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles Glover", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Glover, Mayor

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

Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer