

CITY OF TIOGA
City Commission Meeting Minutes
08/03/2026
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 3, 2026, at the Tioga City Hall, by President of the City Commission Brett Rieniets.

PRESENT: Brett Rieniets, Kyle Ralston, Jaden Iverson, Cody Normark, Steven Dye, Liz Pendlay (remote), Wendy Lenzen

ABSENT:

Guest: Patrick Carabello – Brosz Engineering, Josh Reiner- Moore Engineering, Carla Couture, Sharlet Mohr, Stephanie Normark, Barry Ramberg, Kim Keller, Cary Longie, Judy Odegaard, D. Dallas, Kaare Hallesy, Josh Vachal

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026. **Ralston made a motion to approve as presented with no errors or omissions. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets**

Commissioners Reports:

Street: Ralston stated that there has been a bit of a stall on the interim repairs to Benson Street, but they are still working toward a solution.

Finance: Iverson advised that his department is working on the 2027 preliminary budget and. He attended a meeting with Tioga Township last week.

President: None

Police: Normark suggested extending the application date for the Chief of Police. Rieniets suggested extending until the next commission meeting, closing on the 14th. **Normark made a motion to extend advertising for the Chief of Police until the 21st of August. second by Dye. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.** Normark shared that National Night Out was next Tuesday and invited the public to attend.

Water: None

Modifications/Approval of Agenda: Iverson made a motion to remove New Business items number 3 & 4 and add new business item number 3 – Ferguson Quote. **Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets**

Old Business:

- 1. Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner shared an update on the ballfield project noting that the South Field should have sod installed at the end of the week. He presented the certificate of standard completion for the North Field. Rieniets asked about making sure the hydroseeding was going to take before signing off on the North Field. No update regarding the South Main, South Benson Street project and provided three proposals for the 67th street to include concrete, concrete and asphalt, and asphalt pavement estimates for commission review. Ralston clarified that there would not be additional fees regarding a CLOMR. Iverson shared that he had met with the Tioga Township board and confirmed that they did not have any funds to put toward the project to improve 67th Street in any fashion, nor would they be able to contribute to maintenance of the road. Iverson made clear that regardless of the ability of Tioga Township to contribute financially to the project he still felt the improvements should be made at the expense of the city. Cary Longie was present at the meeting on behalf of Tioga Township. Longie reiterated that Tioga Township could not afford to

maintain the road or contribute to the project improvements and the Township would prefer to hand off the ownership of 67th street to the City of Tioga. Longie also shared that he works for Murex Petroleum located on 67th street and from a business perspective, the amount of dust that is accumulated from that road to their business is terrible. Reiner also provided a current Master Service Agreement as the previous agreement has matured. This agreement would be in effect from 2026-2031. **Motion by Iverson to approve the 2026-2031 MSA with Moore Engineering. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.**

2. Brosz Engineering – Task Orders: Patrick Carabello shared that they are waiting on the soil report for Signal Street and would soon be ready to review concept plans. Ralston reminded that the stoplights would be coming down at the intersection of Signal Street and Hwy 40 in 2027. Carabello shared a task order on 67th Street for asphalt only in the amount of \$2,251,000.00 with an engineering fee of \$200,910.00. Iverson suggested adding a road restriction on the west ½ of 67th street. Normark advised that commercial drivers would be upset with a road restriction and would cause more travel on Signal Street. Ralston suggested that the commission pull the trigger on this project tonight or they would miss the opportunity. Rieniets clarified that the engineer fee is the same whether the project is concrete or asphalt. Carabello stated that a decision between concrete or asphalt did not need to be made until the soil's reports were completed. Rieniets stated that the commission has been discussing this project for almost a year and it was time to move forward. **Motion by Ralston to approve task order 1-2026 with Brosz Engineering. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.**

New Business:

3. Ferguson Quote: Ralston advised that there were some repairs needed to the system that reads water meters. Quote in the amount of \$1360.00 **Motion by Ralston to approve the quote from Ferguson in the amount of \$1360.00. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.**

4. NDIRF Fire & Tornado – Annual Premium: Rieniets shared that the annual premium was due for the Cities, Fire and Tornado policy. **Motion by Iverson to approve the Annual premium from Papineau insurance in the amount of \$46,943.00. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.**

5. ABC Boat Docs – Repair Invoice: Ralston advised that there were some repairs that were needed to the dock railing at the Dam. **Motion by Ralston to accept the quote from ABC Boat Docks in the amount of \$1971.96. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.**

6. Dust Control Quote: Ralston advised that initially he had hoped to administer dust control to all of the gravel roads in the city, but due to cost he would like to propose dust control for 67th street and front street in the amount of \$14,000.00 provided by Braun Trucking. **Motion by Ralston to accept the quote from Braun Trucking for dust control not to exceed an amount of \$14,000.00. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.**

7. Kratom Discussion: Carla Couture addressed the commission with narrative regarding her family's personal experience with Kratom, specifically pure Kratom and synthetic opioid and her efforts to ensure that Kratom is no longer available to public. She urged the commission to approve a citywide ban on Kratom, Pure Kratom and 7-OH. Sharlet Mohr asked that the commission give the same level of attention and discussion to Kratom as they have given to the discussion on dust control.

Consent Agenda:

8. Bills

9. Payroll 15 bi-weekly

10. June Financials

11. Pledge Holdings – June 2026 FSBT

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ralston. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Dye, Rieniets.

Public Comment:

With no further business the meeting of the Tioga City Commission was adjourned by unanimous vote moved by Ralston. Second by Normark at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Tioga City Hall.

Brett Rieniets, President of the City Commission

ATTEST:

Wendy Lenzen, City Auditor