

CITY OF TIOGA
City Commission Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2024
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A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on July 15, 2024, at the Tioga City Hall, by the City Commission President Brett Rieniets.

Present: Brett Rieniets, Jaden Iverson, Jessica Sandberg, Steven Dye, Elizabeth Pendlay (via telephone), Ronica Pederson

Absent: Abby Salinas

Guest: Kyle Ralston, Jeremy Wallin, Jack Weber, Joel Shaffett, Bob Anderson, Kristine Colbert, Brian Colbert, Dan Larson, Trey Ramberg, Madison Ramberg, Josh Nelson, Deon Iverson, Shana Iverson, Chuck Stewart, Fran Stewart, Carry Rei, Holly Mason, Amber Haakenson, David Sting, Matt Lierz, Cody Normark, Barry Ramberg, Deborah Trones, Robert Harms, Patricia Carabello, Randi Raan, Jaren Raan, Henry Rieniets, Darci Grosche, Scott Grosche, Josh Reiner, Doug Baatrup, Linda Meyer

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Minutes: Exhibit presented of Amended Agenda and minutes from July 18, 2022 Commission Meeting and Commission Meeting minutes from July 15, 2024.

Sandberg made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda and Minutes from July 18, 2022 Commission Meeting and Commission Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024, second by Dye. Roll Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

Commissioner's Report:

Iverson: None

Sandberg: Announced National Night Out Annual Event on Tuesday August 6th starting at 4pm

Dye: None

Rieniets: None

Modifications/Approval of Agenda:

Iverson made a motion to add to the agenda under Old Business #6 Fuel Station, then approve the agenda with the changes made, second by Dye. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

Old Business:

1. Legal – Pendlay – Advised Commission Board of September 22, 2025 set trial date in NW District Court for South Main St litigation. Spoke with Dan Larson regarding seeking guidance for progress on abatement issue.
2. Engineer Report – Josh Reiner (Moore Engineering) – Josh updated Commission Board of Projects currently working on. Reiner updated Commission Board on NE Reconstruction Phase II. Gave update on Tioga Dam Recreation Trail project and needs signature for Notice to Proceed contract. Gave update for N Main Street update. Updated commissioners on water service for 204 N Benson St. and seeking motion to either connect to curb stop estimated cost of \$13,695.00 or connection to water main at street costing \$21,000.00. Both scenarios include termination of loop line. Discussion held.

Sandberg made a motion to approve the Esterholm Construction project not to exceed the \$21,000.00, second by Dye. Roll Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

Reiner gave update on property 305 N Main, no driveway in front, and previously had boulevard paved. Resident would like boulevard back in original condition paved and offered to pay the cost

estimated at \$3,500.00. Rieniets told Reiner to put the property back to original condition as resident already had boulevard previously paved and resident should not have to pay the cost.

3. Community Center Construction Update – David Sting Site Superintendent gave commissioners update regarding construction; Warming House foundation and slabs complete, retention pond is complete, grading east parking lot, water, sewer, and natural gas utilities complete. Will present payment application #1 at next commission meeting.
4. Estimate for Poison Control – Discussion for poison options, double batch, Jaden Iverson contacted a pest control company, Ryan Powers, and he recommended using a pellet gun, would charge \$60/hour, plus milage and additional supply costs. Discussion held.

Iverson made a motion to purchase \$4,299.95 of poison and hire Ryan Powers to exterminate for \$60/hr. plus milage and supplies, second by Dye

Discussion continued. Iverson rescinded his motion.

Iverson made a motion to purchase \$4,299.95 of poison, second by Dye. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

5. Water & Sewer for Property/Brian Colbert – Brian Colbert explained he wants City to put in water and sewer infrastructure into his development property, of 6 lots. Discussion held regarding where lines can go. Josh Reiner suggested Moore Engineering could create a map of utilities in that area and help come up with costs.
6. Fuel Station – Jaden Iverson discussed he thinks there was incorrect information used when looking into putting in a Fuel Station. He sees there is a 25% restocking fee and question was raised where City will receive back \$93,000.00 down payment. Discussion held.

Iverson made a motion to terminate the contract with Oday Equipment LLC, second by Dye. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

New Business:

7. 2025 Tioga Preliminary Budget/Budget Hearing September 16, 2024 6pm – Discussion held for 2025 Preliminary Budget and Budget Hearing date.
Iverson made a motion to approve the 2025 Tioga Preliminary Budget, second by Sandberg. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
Sandberg made a motion to approve the public hearing date for the Budget Hearing on September 16, 2024 at 6pm, second by Dye. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
8. Subtopics during Meetings/Nathan Zochert – Zochert was not able to attend the commission meeting. Rieniets wanted to discuss the subtopics, stating the commission needs to keep to agenda topics and will open floor at the end of the commission meeting. Discussion held.
9. Special Election – Commission discussed special election, pay for committee, place election held, dates and why the date is set out to December.
Sandberg made a motion to approve the Special Election Date of Tuesday December 10, 2024, second by Iverson. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
Dye made a motion to approve the place for the Special Election at Tioga City Hall, second by Sandberg. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
Sandberg made a motion to pay the special election committee \$400.00 per employee with up to 8 employees, second by Iverson. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
10. Estimate for Chip Sealing City Streets – Patrick with Brosz Engineering discussed chip sealing streets in Tioga. Discussion held.
Sandberg made a motion to proceed with Chip Seal proposal from Brosz Engineering, second by Dye. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
11. Estimate for Ferguson Water Meters – Discussion held on \$14,540.00 estimate for water meters.
Dye made a motion to approve the estimate for \$14,540.00 from Ferguson Waterworks, second by Sandberg. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

12. Estimate for Dust Control – Discussion held regarding estimate for Dust Control, Street Superintendent received quote of \$9000.00/mile and is seeking approval for 5 miles, for a total \$45,000.00 for dust control. Discussion held.
Iverson made a motion to approve Braun Trucking quote for Dust Control for 5 miles, up to \$45,000.00, second by Dye. Call: Aye; Iverson, Dye. Sandberg Abstained.
13. Estimate for Trench Line and Backfill to Baseball Field – Discussion held on Central Dakota Sprinklers quote for \$3,350.00.
Sandberg made a motion to approve the quote for \$3,350.00 from Central Dakota Sprinklers, second by Iverson. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye
14. Tioga Fund Application – Discussion for Tioga Fund Application for Tioga Police Dept. requesting \$800.00 for funding for a DJ/MC at the National Night Out Event.
Sandberg made a motion to approve the Tioga Fund Application, second by Iverson. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

Consent Approval:

15. Pledge Holdings for Bank of Tioga and First State Bank and Trust –Exhibit presented to Commission Board for their review and consideration of pledge holdings for Bank of Tioga as of 07-12-2024 and First State Bank & Trust as of 08-01-2024.
16. Payroll July 22, 2024 –Exhibit presented to Commission Board for their review and consideration of payroll for July 22, 2024.
17. Bills for July 2024 –Exhibit presented to Commission Board for their review and consideration of the City’s Bills for July 2024.
Sandberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda that consists of Pledge Holdings for Bank of Tioga as of 07-12-2024 and First State Bank & Trust as of 08-01-2024, payroll for July 22, 2024, and City’s Bills for July 2024, second by Dye. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye

Public Comment: Floor opened to public comment, multiple topics discussed. Discussions held; no motions made.

With no further business, the meeting of the Tioga City Commission was adjourned by unanimous vote moved by Iverson, second by Dye at 8:51 p.m. call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg, Dye.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Tioga City Hall.

Brett Rieniets, Tioga Commission President

ATTEST:

Ronica Pederson, Tioga Deputy City Auditor