

CITY OF TIOGA
City Commission Meeting Minutes
November 4, 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 November 4, 2024, at the Tioga City Hall, by the City Commission President Brett Rieniets.

Present: Brett Rieniets, Jaden Iverson, Jessica Sandberg, Elizabeth Pendlay, Ronica Pederson

Absent: Steven Dye

Guest: Kyle Ralston, Chuck Stewart, Fran Stewart, Judy Odegaard, Henry Rieniets, Dan Larson, Bob Anderson, Patrick Carabello, Ralph Nutt, Darci Grosche, Scott Grosche, Josh Nelson, Tim Sundhagen, Cody Normark, Wendy Lenzen, Joel Shaffett,

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: Exhibits of October 21, 2024 Public Hearing minutes and October 21, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes presented to the commission for their review and consideration. **Iverson made a motion to approve the October 21, 2024 Public Hearing minutes and October 21, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes with no errors or omissions, second by Sandberg. Roll call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg.**

Commissioner's Report:

Finance Portfolio: Iverson reported that he is actively pursuing professional services to support City Hall staff. He has engaged in discussions with Ones Consulting and is currently preparing to submit an inventory of items that require assistance.

Police Portfolio: None

Water Portfolio: None

Commission President Portfolio: Rieniets sought to discuss challenges related to City Hall staff and the public expressing frustration over delays in service. He highlighted the issue of short staffing at City Hall and assured the public that they are welcome to contact him directly with any concerns.

Modifications/Approval of Agenda:

Iverson made a motion to approve the agenda adding Theater – Ralph Nutt to New Business as Item #6, second by Sanberg. Roll call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg.

Old Business:

- 1. Legal:** Pendlay indicated that she will provide updates on various litigation matters in the coming weeks and has no additional information to share at this time.
- 2. Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner from Moore Engineering via Zoom provided an update to the Commission Board regarding ongoing projects and related matters. He reported on the status of the Baseball Field Project, which is currently awaiting approval related to the floodway, specifically a letter recommending a Conditional Letter of Map Revision. He will follow up with a Letter of Map Completion, which will incur costs of approximately \$8,000 each, in addition to some engineering fees. Mr. Reiner also discussed other necessary documentation through FEMA to facilitate progress. He then addressed the water appropriation by White Earth Dam, noting that there were no concerns. The discussion concluded without any motions being made.
- 3. Community Center Existing Loan – Bob Anderson:** Bob Anderson requested that the commission consider paying off the outstanding loan for the original community center. Rieniets

reported that he had spoken with approximately six individuals, during which he clarified that the city would not only forfeit potential interest income but would also divert funds from other designated projects. A discussion took place, but no formal motion was made.

New Business:

- 4. Property Tax Foreclosure Properties:** An exhibit was presented to the commission regarding two properties in the City of Tioga that are being offered for bid due to property tax foreclosure. Discussion held; no motion made.
- 5. Tioga Area EDC – Tim Sundhagen:** Tim Sundhagen discussed Tioga Area EDC and the City’s EDC unfilled job position, expressing the viewpoint that Tioga may not require two positions focused on economic growth. He proposed that the commission consider transferring the responsibilities of Economic Development to the Tioga Area EDC, which is interested in hiring a new coordinator. A discussion took place regarding this proposal. Sundhagen requested that the City implement a hiring moratorium. Rieniets clarified that the City is not currently considering filling that position and expressed his support for the Tioga Area EDC to proceed with their hiring process. The discussion continued no motions made.
- 6. Theater – Ralph Nutt:** Ralph Nutt presented to the commission board a quote from Pleasant Valley Builders for \$6,200.00 for concrete for a sidewalk/handicapped ramp for the rear exit at the Tioga Theater. Discussion held. **Sandberg made a motion to approve the bid for \$6,200.00 for the sidewalk/handicapped ramp; second by Iverson. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg.**

Consent Approval:

- 7. Pledge Holdings – First State Bank and Trust as of 10-11-24:** exhibit presented to Commission Board for their review and consideration of Pledge Holdings for First State Bank and Trust as of 10-11-24.
- 8. October 2024 Bills:** exhibit presented to Commission Board for their review and consideration of October 2024 Bills.
- 9. October 22, 2024 Payroll:** exhibit presented to Commission Board for their review and consideration for October 22, 2024 Payroll.

Sandberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda that consists of a Pledge Holdings for First State Bank and Trust as of 10-11-24, October 2024 Bills and October 22, 2024 Payroll, second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg.

With no further business, the meeting of the Tioga City Commission was adjourned by unanimous vote moved by Iverson, second by Sandberg at 8:34 p.m. Call: Ayes; Iverson, Sandberg.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Tioga City Hall.

Brett Rieniets, Tioga Commission President

ATTEST:

Ronica Pederson, Tioga Interim City Auditor