

**TYRONE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
MINUTES
November 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Eric Dial, Mayor
Gloria Furr, Mayor Pro Tem, Post 4

Jessica Whelan, Post 1
Dia Hunter, Post 2
Billy Campbell, Post 3

Brandon Perkins, Town Manager
Dee Baker, Town Clerk
Dennis Davenport, Town Attorney

Also present:
Sandy Beach, Finance Manager
Terry Noble, Planning Commissioner

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA: *All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.*

1. Approval of minutes from November 6, 2025.
2. Approval of a contract with Adiquest Music for sound/DJ for The Town Tree Lighting, November 30, 2025, not to exceed \$1,189.99.
3. Approval of a contract for Amusement Masters to provide amusements for The Town of Tyrone Tree Lighting Celebration and Christmas Market on November 30, 2025, in the amount of \$11,248.50.
4. Approval to surplus and dispose of public works equipment.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. OLD BUSINESS

5. Consideration to amend the Scope of Work on the 2024, Adams Lake Dam Improvements project PW-2024-10. Scott Langford, PE Public Works Director and Town Engineer

Mr. Langford explained that Adams Lake was a state-regulated dam. It was part of the 2023 SPLOST for vegetation removal. In 2024, a study was conducted to determine if the dam needed to be upgraded to a Category 1 dam as determined by Safe Dams. As a result of the study's need, the scope expanded along with funding for the potential upgrade. Since then, Safe Dams determined that it was only Category 2. Mr. Langford shared that staff was before Council to determine if the scope of work needed to be amended.

Mr. Langford explained that by moving forward, the Town would save costs and provide benefits to the dam for its future safety. He shared six determinations if the scope of work were to be reduced and what that would mean for the dam; of which included, cost increases for future work, by lowering the lake level more than once, there would be substantial fish kill risks, and by reducing the scope it would mean additional inconveniences to residents, school buses, and emergency vehicles.

Council discussed whether it would be beneficial to remain on course with the dam improvements, including the cost of the project. Council Member Campbell shared concerns regarding the need, a timeframe, and any additional costs. Mr. Langford shared that if approved to move forward, it would be cost-effective, and the project should be completed before June 30th. He added that minimal additional costs would be covered by SPLOST funds. Council Member Whelan's concern was whether the Town would be getting its money's worth. Mr. Langford assured Council that the improvements should last for many years. Council Member Hunter inquired if the Town would receive official paperwork that indicated the dam was no longer a Category 1 dam. Mr. Langford stated that official paperwork would be issued to the Town by Georgia Safe Dams. He then recommended approval to keep the original plan of dam improvements.

A motion was made not to approve the scope of work amendment on the 2024 Adams Lake Dam Improvements project PW-2024-10.

Motion made by Council Member Hunter, Seconded by Council Member Furr.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

X. NEW BUSINESS

6. Consideration to approve a resolution in support of State legislation supporting "micromobility". - Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

Mr. Perkins reminded everyone that at the last meeting, Mr. Keith Larson from Bike-Walk Fayette presented Council a Resolution for the Town and all Fayette County cities proposing that the State legislature amend Georgia Code as it pertained to regulations of micromobility devices. Through discussions, Mayor and Council agreed that the language was too restrictive to Tyrone as it pertained to specific speed limits to be adopted. Council agreed that changes needed to be made; however, to remove the specific speed limit suggestions. They also agreed that Mr. Larson was well versed regarding the proposed regulations and thanked him for his efforts.

Mayor Dial proposed to remove the specific speed limits that restricted the Town.

A motion was made to approve the resolution in support of State legislation supporting micromobility, with the stated changes.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Campbell.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

7. Consideration to approve a donated file cabinet from MIH Consulting, LLC to the Finance Department. Sandy Beach, Finance Manager

Ms. Beach shared that MIH Consulting, LLC, offered to donate a 3-drawer file cabinet to the finance department, which was needed.

A motion was made to approve the donated file cabinet from MIH Consulting, LLC, to the Finance Department.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *The second public comment period is for any issue. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Please state your name & address. Comments that require a response may not be answered during this time. The Council or staff may respond at a later date.*

Mr. Bob Swenson, who lives on Castlewood Road inquired about the reopening of the Post Office. Mayor Dial shared that he would address that during Council comments.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Beach handed Council the new Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance rates, which included a 6.7% increase. She added that the rates were initially presented with a 10% increase, and the Town's broker, MSI, got it reduced to 6.7% which was budgeted.

She added that the last three years indicated a flat increase, it was time for a true increase. There was also a rebate of \$95,000 in 2023.

Mr. Perkins shared that the Downtown Development Authority met this week to discuss the future of the food truck park. Staff had a test run for a few weeks and received feedback from the vendors and customer reviews. The consensus was that a full-fledged food truck park would be merited. The long-term goal was to redevelop the property. Mr. Perkins opened a discussion regarding combining the former police department property and the former fire station property, making it more marketable. All agreed that it would be a good idea. Mayor Dial shared that he wanted movement and completion once approved. Council Members Whelan and Furr wished to have more information. Mr. Perkins suggested taking renderings from the U.G.A RSVP study to local developers to get their professional opinion on what would benefit the Town in that space before making concrete decisions.

Mr. Perkins announced that due to an error that was not the Town's, the Millage Rate public hearings needed to be heard again for most Fayette County cities. They were readvertised and would be reheard on December 1st at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, and December 8th at 6:30 pm, with the adoption at the same meeting.

Ms. Baker reminded everyone of the Christmas Market and Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 30th, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Shamrock Park.

Mr. Perkins asked everyone to come early to the Christmas program for the dedication of the new Shamrock Pavilion at 1:30 pm.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Campbell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Whelan thanked everyone for a wonderful Veterans Day Program and Mr. Minor for being our speaker. She began a discussion regarding housing a static piece at Veterans Memorial Park and agreed to volunteer her time. The discussion included fundraising, upkeep of the item, and how to obtain a piece such as a small cannon to reduce the liability of someone getting hurt. Also, for the piece to coincide with the new park signage.

Mayor Dial then updated everyone on the Post Office reopening. After discussions with Congressman Jacks' District Director, and reviewing an email from Washington D.C. and our Postmaster, the new anticipated month would be January 2026. Progress is being made, and Phase I is almost complete, according to the Federal Post Office representatives. He shared his frustration; however, was hopeful.

Council Member Hunter congratulated the Sandy Creek High School football team as they were preparing for the second championship playoff game tomorrow night.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to move into Executive Session for a personnel item and to review the amended October 16, 2025, Executive Session minutes, and to review the November 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Executive Session minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

A motion was made to reconvene.

Motion made by Council Member Furr, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

A motion was made to approve the amended October 16, 2025, Executive Session minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell, Seconded by Council Member Whelan.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

A motion was made to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November 6, 2025, workshop.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

A motion was made to approve the Executive Session minutes from the regular November 6, 2025, meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Whelan, Seconded by Council Member Furr.
Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan, Council Member Hunter.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Campbell.

Voting Yea: Council Member Campbell, Council Member Furr, Council Member Whelan,
Council Member Hunter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

By: _____
Eric Dial, Mayor

Attest: _____
Dee Baker, Town Clerk