

**CITY OF TIOGA**  
City Commission Meeting Minutes  
03/02/2026  
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on March 2, 2026, at the Tioga City Hall, by President of the City Commission Brett Rieniets.

PRESENT: Brett Rieniets, Kyle Ralston, Jaden Iverson, Robert Fuson, Liz Pendlay (remote), Wendy Lenzen

ABSENT: Steven Dye

Guest: Patrick Carabello, Dan Larson, Judy Odegaard, Duane Knudson, Scott Campbell, Josh Reiner (Moore Engineering),

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Minutes:** Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2026, Commission Meeting were presented. **Ralston made a motion to approve as presented with no errors or omissions, second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets**

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Street:** Commissioner Ralston advised that the Tool cat is needing repair again and he anticipates bringing a proposal for trading in the machine.

**Finance:** None

**President:** Rieniets advised that the warming shed had a water line break and will likely be unusable for the remainder of the season.

**Water:** None

**Police:** Commissioner Fuson shared that with the PD is hoping to escort funerals going forward.

**Modifications/Approval of Agenda:** **Iverson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with no modifications. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets**

**Old Business:**

- 1. Legal Report:** Liz advised that there was an ordinance update and the first reading would be on the next commission agenda. Regarding the Tera Flex litigation, additional discover was received today and given the timeframe, rebidding the project would not be necessary at this time.
- 2. Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner discussed the bidding documents for the baseball field project, clarifying the final project completion date of June 15, 2026. Reiner will review contractor insurance agreement with attorney Pendlay. The gate for the fence will remain in the same location that it previously was. Two spicket locations for water will be installed. The plan for advertising bids would be the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> in the Williston Herald and the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12, and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Minot Daily News. Reiner requested a motion to approve the plans and specifications as presented. **Motion by Iverson to approve plans and specifications as presented. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets. Motion by Iverson to approve authorization to advertise for bids. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.** Reiner requested approval to order the scoreboard in the amount of \$13,577.00. **Motion by Iverson to approve ordering the scoreboard in the amount of \$13,577.00. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**

**New Business:**

3. **Set Board of Equalization Meeting with Public Hearing Date:** Rieniets advised that a board of equalization hearing date needs to be set on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Iverson to set the Board of Equalization meeting for April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**
4. **WSI Invoice:** Rieniets advised the premium for 2026 has decreased since last year and presented for approval. **Motion by Iverson to approve the WSI premium in the amount of \$18,225.40. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**
5. **Proposal for Benches at the Tioga Dam:** Dan Larson shared cost estimates for placing 5-6 benches for seating area at the Tioga Dam. Dan also said that there may be an opportunity for parties to donate benches in memory of a loved one. The Tioga High School shop class is also interested in building the benches. Larson stated that he spoke with Mr Carkuff at Tioga High School and discussed the quality of the benches. Estimated cost for commercial benches and concrete pads \$6000.00. Estimated cost for High School class and concrete pads \$2500.00. **Motion by Ralston to approve benches and concrete at the Tioga Dam in an amount not to exceed \$7000.00. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets. Motion Carries.**
6. **Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Grant 2026:** Larson requested approval of \$3600.00 to meet the 20% project contribution to apply for an \$18000.00 grant to remove Ash Borer trees and replace with new trees. Larson projected that most of the trees would be planted along Third Street and possibly at the Community Center. **Motion by Ralston to approve the Tree Committee not to exceed \$3600.00 to for the Emerald Ash Grant. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**
7. **Courtesy Vehicle – TAA:** Rieniets advised that the City of Tioga has 2 Ford Explorers that were previously decommissioned Police vehicles and have sat for the last year and a half. Tioga Airport does not have an all-wheel drive courtesy vehicle and approached commissioner Rieniets about the possibility of obtaining one of the Explorers for the airport. City of Tioga Decals would remain on the vehicle. Rieniets requested that if commission approves, the vehicle with the highest miles is donated to the Tioga Airport. **Motion by Ralston to donate a 2012 Ford Explorer that is not being used by the City of Tioga to the Tioga Airport Authority. Second by Fuson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets. Motion by Ralston to amend previous motion to donate a 2013 Ford Explorer to the Tioga Airport Authority. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**

**Consent Agenda:**

8. **Bills (2)**
9. **Payroll 4**
10. **Special Event Liquor License – Rig Lounge II**

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

**Public Comment:**

Duane Knudson requested an update on city lots that were being surveyed and platted on the NE side of town in the Annabelle subdivision. Attorney Pendlay shared that she is working on a possible blemish on the title. There will probably be a need for title corrective work once determined how to proceed. Pendlay estimated the time frame to correct the title would not be longer than 6 months.

With no further business the meeting of the Tioga City Commission was adjourned by unanimous vote moved by Ralston second by Iverson at 7:44 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Tioga City Hall.

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Brett Rieniets, President of the City Commission

ATTEST:

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Wendy Lenzen, City Auditor