

CITY OF TIOGA
City Commission Meeting Minutes
04/06/2026
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on April 06, 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), Steven Dye (remote), Wendy Lenzen

ABSENT:

Guest: Patrick Carabello, Brock Sundhagen, Patches Fabbro, Augustina Fragoso, Scott Grosche, Henry Rieniets, Matt Montgomery, Chuck Stewart, Jason Steele, Kaare Hallesy, Leah Batzer, Rylan Hollingshead, Alisha Nelson, Josh Reiner- Moore Engineering

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for March 16, 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 street department took possession of their new tool cat and they are looking at options to improve the alley between first and second street.

Finance: Commissioner Iverson advised that his department went through their annual audit with Rath & Mehrer and it went well.

Police: Commissioner Fuson advised that the PD has completed their EMR training and they are waiting on the emergency kits for patrol vehicles.

President: Rieniets advised that the City of Tioga was awarded a grant from the Williams County 1% in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the baseball project.

Water: Commissioner Dye shared that they have started pumping water from the lagoon and will need a vac truck to complete the clean out.

Modifications/Approval of Agenda: **Iverson made a motion to modify the agenda to add hydrovac truck quotes to item #1, Police Station Security to item #6 of new business and Sons of Liberty raffle permit to item #12 under the consent agenda. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets**

Commissioner Rieniets advised that City Hall is having difficulty recording the meeting via Teams. Voice recording can be requested from City Hall.

Old Business:

- 1. Legal Report:** Liz advised that Commission President Rieniets will have a deposition in June 2026 regarding the Benson Street Litigation.
- 2. Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner presented the bid that was submitted regarding the baseball project from Veit & Company in the amount of \$492,431.00 **Motion by Ralson to Accept the contract bid from Veit & Company in the amount of \$492,431.00. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston,**

Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets. Reiner shared quotes regarding installation and electrical hookup for the new baseball field scoreboard. **Motion by Ralston to approve the quote from Indigo Signs in the amount of \$14,662.50. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.** **Motion by Ralston to approve the quote from K Squared electric for electrical hookup of the new scoreboard in the amount of \$3,444.00. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.** Reiner also shared a proof of the scoreboard graphics proposed. **Motion by Ralston to approve scoreboard graphics. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.**

New Business:

3. **Hydrovac Truck - Lagoon:** Jason Steele requested approval to hire a hydrovac truck company to assist with removal of the sludge at the lagoon. Steele did not have a quote, but shared that Almer's quoted \$350.00/hour, and Preferred Energy quoted \$285.00/hour. Due to the nature of the project, an estimated amount of time to remove the sludge is difficult to determine until the project is underway. Discussion held regarding efficiency of each company's equipment and determined Almer's equipment is likely more efficient and expected to cost less overall. **Motion by Ralston to approve the services of a hydrovac company to clean out the lagoon in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.**
4. **Adapco LLC Quote:** Jason Steele discussed the quote from Adapco to purchase chemicals for vector control. Steele explained that this year the cost is less due to alternating the chemical used from year to year and this chemical is less costly than others. **Motion by Ralston to approve the quote Adapco LLC in the amount of \$15,789.75. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.**
5. **Ordinance 2026-01 – Floodplain Mgmt. Second Reading:** Attorney Liz Pendlay read Ordinance 2026-01. **Motion by Iverson to adopt ordinance #2026-01. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.**
6. **Police Station Security:** Officer Joel Shaffett shared that he did not receive communication that was issued by Liz Pendlay regarding security keys for the PD that was shared with the Chief of Police and has some questions regarding access to the PD. Shaffett advised that in his conversations with CJIS he understands that the police commissioner is a civilian and should take the required exam to have complete access to the police station. Attorney Pendlay clarified that a concern regarding the Police Commissioner accessing the Criminal Justice Information System which is accessed digitally was not raised as a concern and was not requested by the commission. Pendlay shared the discussions regarding risk management in the form of password protected computers and databases, manually locking doors etc. Further discussion was held regarding options to mitigate risk and secure confidential information. Rieniets advised that he questions how effective a police commissioner can be if they are denied access to the department they oversee and supports the police commissioner having access to the police department less restricted areas. The Armory, evidence lockers, offices, all have separate access not afforded to the police commissioner. Rieniets shared with Shaffett that Chief Hallin was in receipt of the City Attorney's opinion, the State's Attorney opinion and that is where the discussion should have ended. Scott Grosche shared his extensive knowledge of the processes and procedures at the police station and his concerns regarding security when officers are processing evidence in unsecured locations and the police commissioner has access to the building. Rieniets shared options previously discussed with the PD to mitigate risk, the secured areas and the quality surveillance system.

Consent Agenda:

7. **Bills (2)**

- 8. Payroll 7
- 9. Planning & Zoning – Right of Way - Colbert
- 10. Gaming Site Authorization: Prairie Public – Pour Decisions’ steakhouse and Bar
- 11. Special Liquor License – Model Tavern
- 12. Raffle Permit – Sons of Liberty

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

Public Comment:

Henry Rieniets recommended that an update to the policy regarding employee and commission access if not specified should be considered.

With no further business the meeting of the Tioga City Commission was adjourned by unanimous vote moved by Ralston second by Iverson at 9:03 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 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