

**CITY OF TIOGA**

City Commission Meeting Minutes  
05/04/2026  
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on May 04, 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: Chuck Stewart, Judy Odegaard, Chief Hallin, Nickolas Oster, Kaare Hallesy, Jason Steele, Josh Reiner-Moore Engineering

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Minutes:** Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for April 20, 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, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets**

**Commissioners Reports:**

**Street:** Commissioner Ralston congratulated Street Superintendent, Kirk Odegaard and Maintenance employee Mark Dahl on 35 years and 20 years of service to the City of Tioga. Ralston also advised that dust control was becoming an issue on 67<sup>th</sup> street.

**Water:** Commissioner Ralston advised that EDI had completed their repairs at the lagoon and it is now operational. They do have one aerator that is not working properly and will work to repair.

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

**Old Business:**

1. **Legal Report:** Attorney Liz Pendlay advised that depositions have been scheduled. Real Estate Title work is being reviewed regarding lots owned by the City of Tioga in the Annabelle subdivision.
2. **Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner advised that Veit Construction has started work on the new ball field and they held their pre-construction meeting that morning. Communication to the Rec Council and schools will be sent out to remind parents and kids to be careful of the construction area.

**New Business:**

3. **Williams County Chip Seal Project:** Ralston advised that he had further discussion with Williams County regarding the County chip seal project and if the City of Tioga would like to join with them to chip seal city streets that connect with their project. This would include Signal Street from 105<sup>th</sup> W to the city limit, 105<sup>th</sup> from signal street to 67<sup>th</sup> street and County Rd 10 from the east side of Hwy 40 to the city limit. Total of 2.5 miles of Chip Sealing. Total cost is \$75,581.07 and would be completed in August/September of this year. **Motion by Iverson to approve the Williams County Chip Seal proposal for Tioga in the amount of \$75,581.07. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rieniets.**

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5. **Weed Spray**: Ralston shared a quote from KC Harvey to spray the City lots and the lagoon for weeds in the amount of \$5,340.61. **Motion by Iverson to approve the quote from KC Harvey for the lagoon and city lots in the amount of \$5340.61 for weed control. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rienets.**
6. **Dakota Street Repair**: Commissioner Ralston advised that there is some damage with the frost coming out of the ground to South Dakota street and it is heaving and breaking up. A quote was obtained from Almer's construction for 150 feet of repair on South Dakota street from 67<sup>th</sup> street. Almer's would do the hauling and repair, the city would provide materials for base. **Motion by Iverson to approve Almer's Construction quote to remove the asphalt and repair on 67<sup>th</sup>/South Dakota Street in the amount of \$39,500.00. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rienets.**
7. **Official Newspaper**: Rienets shared that the commission needs to designate the official newspaper for publishing City business. **Motion by Iverson to designate Williston Herald as the City of Tioga official newspaper. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rienets.**
8. **Municipal Court**: Clarification from attorney Liz Pendlay was shared regarding the upcoming law going into effect July 1, 2026, requiring municipal courts to become courts of record. This would require that every word spoken during court would need to be recorded verbatim and records retained. The commission would need to make a policy decision choosing to maintain a municipal court in Tioga and make the conversion to a court of record, or to contract with the county courts to undertake those activities. Discussion was held regarding the cost of operation, and the resignation of the City of Tioga's current prosecuting attorney, Amber Fiesel, and could be challenging to replace. Attorney Pendlay suggested that all factors be taken into consideration when considering policy adoption. Detective Nick Oster and Chief Cody Hallin shared that they were indifferent to either option when asked by Commissioner Ralston for their opinion on the best option. The Municipal Judge for the City of Tioga was not available at the meeting and clerk of court; Darci Grosche was scheduled to attend a training on the new requirements within the next week. **Motion by Ralston to table the topic until the May 18, 2026, regular commission meeting. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rienets.**

**Consent Agenda:**

9. **Bills (1)**
  10. **Payroll 9 bi-weekly and monthly payroll 5**
  11. **Pledge Holdings FSBT & TBOT**
  12. **Raffle Permit – Pirate Booster Club**
  13. **Raffle Permit – Tioga Chamber of Commerce**
  14. **Gaming Site Authorization – American Foundation for Wildlife**
  15. **Special Event Liquor License – Pour Decisions**
- Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ralston. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Dye, Rienets.**

**Public Comment:**

With no further business the meeting of the Tioga City Commission was adjourned by unanimous vote moved by Ralston. Second by Iverson at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 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