

CITY OF TIOGA

City Commission Meeting Minutes
05/18/2026
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on May 18, 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 – Brosz Engineering, Kayelee Hamers, Kaare Hallesy, Tim Holy, Josh Reiner- Moore Engineering, Scott Grosche, Darci Grosche

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2026, Commission Meeting and May 7, 2026, Special 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: Ralston advised that a company was coming out to fix the stoplights on the intersection of Hwy 40 and there was dust control put down on 67th Street. Ralston hopes to do additional dust control throughout town at a later time.

Finance: Iverson is working on some policy updates. More to come.

President: Rieniets shared that he is participating in a building committee with TAEDC working on a building project for the main street lots. It is in the very early stages, and they are currently interviewing architectural firms.

Police: Fuson shared that the TMC Bike rodeo went very well and the PD enjoyed helping with it.

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

Old Business:

- 1. Legal Report:** Attorney Liz Pendlay advised that there is a hearing coming up on May 21st as a matter of public business and will entail a slightly different procedure than we are typically used to. She hopes to attend in person.
- 2. Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner advised that Veit Construction is moving along and on schedule with the baseball field. Infield is nearing completion, topsoil is spread and they will move into placement of the sod. Reiner said that they are short some fencing materials from the old fence that will need to be replaced estimated at \$5748.75. Rieniets shared that there has been requests to make the new field shorter than what was originally planned. The request is to have a 200' score. Rieniets asked Reiner if it would be more cost effective to shorten the new field vs shorten the rehab of the south field. Rieniets agreed that it would be more cost effective to make that change on the new north field and he would visit with Veit construction and come back with a change order request for approval. Reiner

also advised that the Tioga Fire Dept acquired the property North of their property and is looking to asphalt a 20-foot Driveway behind the theatre to Welo Street. No objection from Commission on proceeding. Reiner shared proposals for design and bidding engineering costs for three projects: Signal Road Improvements: \$215,700.00, 67th Street and S Dakota Street Improvements: \$208,800.00, and S Dakota Street Sanitary, Water and Sewer improvements: \$177,050.00. Commission requested that Reiner estimate total project cost and bring back to next meeting.

3. **Municipal Court:** Rieniets advised that a decision needed to be made regarding whether the Tioga Municipal court would become a court of record or contract out to the county court. Darci Grosche and Rieniets shared that the current technology that Tioga has would not require purchasing additional equipment to meet the required regulations and would support continuing to hold court in Tioga. Municipal Judge Kayelee Hamaers also supported continuing to hold court in Tioga. Tioga will begin sourcing a new prosecuting attorney with the resignation of the current city prosecutor will be effective December 2026. **Motion by Ralston to continue with Municipal Court. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**

New Business:

4. **Facility Rugs and Mats Quote:** Rieniets advised that the City of Tioga is looking to discontinue their contract agreement with Vestis, who currently supplies rugs and mats to City Hall, the Community Center and Library and the PD. In Lieu of this service, the City would purchase rugs and mats and maintain them independently. Auditor Lenzen shared that this also what the Tioga Public School does and has found it to be very cost effective. Total Quote from Express mats is \$2,719.03 Lenzen also thanked Community Center Director, Joy Sparks, for gathering quotes and being mindful of ways to reduce expenses. **Motion by Iverson to approve the quote to purchase mats and rugs from Express mats in the amount of \$2719.03. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**
5. **Water Tower Level Transmitter:** Ralston shared that the transmitter is not working correctly and can overflow the water tower. Ralston expects that they can recalibrate the transducer that we have. IF that does not work, they will need to replace the transducer. The total cost is \$4000.00. **Motion by Iverson to approve the quote from AE2S to complete the work on the transmitter in the amount of \$4,000.00. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.** Rieniets shared that there was also a service agreement with AE2S for this work. **Motion by Iverson to approve agreement of services between the City of Tioga and AE2S. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Fuson, Rieniets.**

Consent Agenda:

6. Bills
7. Payroll 10 bi-weekly
8. Visitor Promotion Fund – Community Center
9. Tioga Fund – Tioga EDC/Chamber/Farm Festival
10. Tioga Fund – Tioga Medical Center

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

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 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 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