

CITY OF TIOGA
City Commission Meeting Minutes
09/21/2026
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 21, 2026, at the Tioga City Hall, by President of the City Commission Brett Rieniets.

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

ABSENT: Steven Dye

Guest: Patrick Carabello (remote), Josh Reiner, Madison Ramberg, Alisha Nelson, Scott Grosche, Ronnie Lund, Danielle Barton, Dan Larson

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2026. **Normark made a motion to approve as presented with no errors or omissions. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets**

Commissioners Reports:

Street: Ralston advised that the new superintendent has started with City and is doing a great job.

Finance: None

President: Commissioner Rieniets advised that he in the process of a resolution for next meeting to address commissioner attendance. He hopes to present at the next meeting.

Police: None

Water: None

Modifications/Approval of Agenda: **Ralston made a motion to approve agenda as presented without modifications. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets**

Old Business:

- 1. Legal Report:** Pendlay advised that she will request an agenda item for the next commission meeting that the City Commission go into executive session to designate commission authority regarding mediation in the Teraflex litigation.
- 2. Engineer Report:** Josh Reiner shared an update on the ballfield project including a quote for the residing and roofing on the dugouts. Reiner advised that matching the school colors with the yellow has been difficult. Rieniets advised that school colors are the request and the one dugout has been damaged due to the wind along with the issue of the current dugouts not being the same size as the slab. Ralston suggested that due to the damage, use what lumber materials they can salvage and have his department look at rebuilding. Rieniets suggested that the Street/Water Superintendent lead the charge on the dugouts. Rieniets discussed the S Main and Benson Streets quotes for interim repair to the streets. Pendlay advised that it may make sense to wait until the outcome of mediation tentatively scheduled for October 7th to choose to move forward with the temporary repairs. Ralston recommended addressing after that time.
- 3. Brosz Engineering – Task Orders:** Patrick Carabello advised that the 60% review was soon approaching regarding Signal Road and is ahead of schedule. The preliminary vertical road alignment had been completed and the current hill on the east side of 67th has a K value slope which is too steep for the speed limit. This would require reducing the incline of the hill or reducing the speed limit to 20 Miles per Hour.

Ralston to discuss with Patrick further. Soil report is expected to be completed in the coming day or two and will be available at the approaching 30% meeting for discussion.

New Business:

- 4. Commercial/Industrial Lots – Dan Larson:** Community Services Director presented the commission with documentation on industrial city lots that potential buyers have expressed interest in. Discussion held regarding the exact lots and the process for selling. Rieniets requested additional information before deciding as documentation was not clear to understand. **No Motion.**
- 5. Request to Advertise – Community Center:** Rieniets advised that the current part-time community center assistant has accepted full-time employment elsewhere. **Motion by Ralston to advertise for a part-time position for the community center until October 9, 2026, Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**
- 6. Water Department Training –** Ralston discussed the needs of the water department for additional training and bringing on some contracted assistance to provide training for both the new superintendent and his team. **Motion by Ralston to approve contracted services for water department training in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**
- 7. Welo/Front St. Street light relocation –** Ralston shared that due to the construction of the expansion of the Tioga Fire Department, the streetlight would need to be relocated from Welo/front street to the south side of Front Street. No cost to the city for this relocation is expected. **Motion by Ralston to relocate the streetlight on Front and Welo St to the South side of Front St. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**
- 8. Res/Commercial Trash Collection Rates:** Rieniets advised that the City holds a five-year contract with Circle Sanitation for garbage collection. The contract increases rates in years four and five. The City has not increased rates for trash with the signing of the contract and is proposing an increase in City garbage rates. **Motion by Iverson to approve the 2026 residential and commercial trash collection rates from November 1, 2026, to September 30, 2028. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**
- 9. Museum Boiler – Quote:** Rieniets advised that the boiler at the museum needs some repairs and has also requested to order some spare parts to have on hand as they are custom made and can take months to get. Ronnie Lund advised that the museum does not currently have the boiler working in their building. Lund also expressed his frustrating with the system itself and the trouble they have had with it since its installation. **Motion by Ralston to approve quote from Enthalpy Services in the amount of \$8278.28. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**
- 10. Soccer Field Project Quotes:** Dan Larson also presented quotes for the soccer field project that will be paid with grant money already approved through the rural community grant program. **Motion by Normark to approve the quote from Griffin Electric in the amount of \$26,700.00 Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets. Motion by Iverson to approve the quote from Dakota Fence in the amount of \$37,880.00. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets. Motion by Iverson to approve the quote from Montana Dakota Utilities in the amount of \$16,433.00 Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, Rieniets.**

Consent Agenda:

- 11. Bills**
- 12. Payroll 19**
- 13. Special Event Liquor License – Sportsman's Club**
- 14. Raffle Permit – THS Volleyball**

15. Planning & Zoning – Preliminary and Final Plat

16. Planning & Zoning – Conditional Use Permit

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Iverson. Second by Normark. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Normark, 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 08:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 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