

CITY OF TIOGA

City Commission Meeting Minutes
12/15/2025
Unofficial

A meeting of the City Commission of the City of Tioga was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 15, 2025, at the Tioga City Hall, by President of the City Commission Brett Rieniets.

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

Guest: Chief Hallin, Patrick Carabello, Kaare Hallesy, Bob Anderson, David Papineau, and Josh Vachal.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: Exhibits of Commission Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2025, 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, Dye**

Commissioners Reports:

Street: Commissioner Ralston advised that the street department has been having issues with the tool cat and will be having Bobcat look at it.

Finance: None

President: None

Water: None

Modifications/Approval of Agenda: Ralston made a motion to approve as presented with no errors or omissions, second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Dye

Old Business:

1. Legal Report: Liz advised that all legal matters are moving along as expected and she will update after the New Year.

New Business:

2. Airport Board Seat: Commissioner Rieniets advised that the airport board will have a board position open and requests approval to advertise to allow for the position to be filled in January. **Motion by Ralston to approve advertising for the Tioga Airport Board seat for two weeks. Second by Iverson. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Dye**

3. CD Maturity: Iverson advised that there is a 6-month CD that is maturing on the 25th of CD is in the amount of Five Million dollars. The Bank of Tioga has offered the same rate as the CD that matured in November for the same term or an extended term up to 12 months. Iverson shared that staggering the CDs with a 9-month term would stagger the CDs to mature at both the beginning and the end of the construction season allowing for the ability to cash a CD without penalty if necessary. **Motion by Iverson to renew the maturing CD with The Bank of Tioga for a term of 9 months at a rate of 3.55% APY in the amount of five million dollars. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Dye**

4. Community Input: Rieniets shared that he is hopeful this community input opportunity will be similar to a performance review for the Commission. He would welcome input from the community as far as what is going well, what needs to improve, what would residents like to see for the 2026 calendar year. Robert Anderson shared what he sees has happened in the last year is an effort to work together

with the community and try to cut the same goals and spending, eliminating unnecessary spending. Anderson shared that he likes to see the commonsense decisions and the city should give the commission a hand and he thinks they're doing a great job. Chief Hallin shared that he has had pleasure working with the commission and auditor and he appreciates all of them. He also advised that they are starting the new hire tomorrow and will be close to fully staffed. Josh Vachal with Tioga Area EDC thanked the commission for everything and shared that he would like to bring an item up for discussion only regarding the open lots on main street and the opportunity to work together as a community for the opportunity to develop those lots. The intent is to have an open discussion and input and to start the discussion about how these lots could support the goals of Tioga and ensure that public guidance is utilized. Rieniets shared that he knows the EDC can't do it on their own and he would be open to discussing this further. Josh also requested that community members reach out to him to discuss and share their ideas/input. The Tioga Area EDC holds an office on Main Street. Ralston asked if there was anyone joining remotely that had input or would like to speak. Rieniets advised that regarding the ball field, he had some input from a community member that couldn't attend but would like to see the size of the ball field at least 275' vs the 220' for a softball field only. Ralston shared that residents have expressed interest in seeing improvement in the roads on the south side of town that have not been addressed yet and are still gravel roads and they would like to see them improved. Iverson advised that it would be beneficial to look at a street project on Dakota Street as well as it is only half paved currently. Rieniets advised that when the commissioners were elected, they were elected and expected to be present. When Commissioners are elected, they signed up to participate on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, and it isn't too much to ask to have commissioners present at the commission hall in front of residents doing their jobs. Rieniets shared that Teams is a great tool to utilize if needed but he advised that commissioners are on the payroll to be at commission meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month and there really isn't an excuse not to be at those meetings. That was the expectation of the community and that is what is going to be executed on. Rieniets also thanked Commissioner Ralston and Iverson for having perfect attendance at commission meetings. Rieniets also advised that there is still a spot on the commission for a police commissioner and they would welcome interest to fill that spot.

5. **Rural Catalyst Grant:** Rieniets shared that the city will have to submit their application for the Rural Catalyst Grant by January 7th and is working to put together all the data that is needed as far as plot plans, conceptual designs, overall price tags, etc. What is needed today is what the City of Tioga would be willing to contribute as a municipality for the project. The application for the grant is for \$400,000.00 and the city has been approved 1% through Williams County for a matching grant of up to \$400,000.00. The project would consist of building a new field and refurbishing the existing ball field. Discussion held. **Motion by Iverson to commit \$400,000.00 toward the Rural Catalyst Grant application for the new baseball field project. Second by Ralston. Roll Call: Ayes; Ralston, Iverson, Dye**

Consent Agenda:

6. **Bills Dec (2)**
7. **November Financials**
8. **Raffle Permit – Firestorm Track & Field**
9. **Raffle Permit – Tioga Robotics**
10. **Tioga Fund Application – Chamber of Commerce**

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

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 8:16 p.m.

The next meeting of the City of Tioga is scheduled for Monday December 15, 2025, 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