

Town of Talking Rock
March Council Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2020

Those present were Mari Livsey.

The following council were present: Mayor Randy Banks, Council members Cheryl Sams, James Bryant, and Jeremiah Stone.

Those absent were Council members Andrea Watson and Melissia Weaver.

Mayor Randy Banks called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the January 2, 2020 Council Meeting minutes. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 Council Meeting minutes. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the January 2020 General Operating Account financial report noting a couple of questions she had about deposits. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the February 2020 General Operating Account financial report. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the January and February 2020 FEMA financial report. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Old Business:

Court System Ordinance: Mayor Randy Banks presented the Court System Ordinance prepared by Atty. Jeff Rusbridge. Cheryl Sams made a motion to adopt the ordinance to amend the Code of Talking Rock to provide for the operation of a municipal court. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Court System Contract: Mayor Banks stated attorney Jeff Rusbridge had not received the contract back from the county attorney yet for review. Cheryl Sams made a motion to table this item. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

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New Business:

2019 Budget Amendment Resolution: Mayor Randy Banks stated that there were some line items that went over the budget. The biggest one being FEMA. Cheryl Sams made a motion to accept the 2019 budget resolution. James seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Randall Herrick Donation Letter: Mayor Randy Banks stated Mr. Herrick had asked for a letter as record of donation for \$4500 for tax purposes. He provided the material and labor for the council booth. Cheryl made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Herrick. James Bryant seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Community Bank Loan Resolution: Mayor Randy Banks stated that Community Bank of Pickens County would approve a loan for the town for necessary improvements to the railroad sidetrack using the two CDs the town has for collateral. Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve to do a loan with Community Bank of Pickens County to make necessary repairs to the sidetrack and authorize the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the loan documents as a resolution and use the CDs to secure the loan in the amount of \$30,000. Jeremiah Stone seconded the motion. All unanimously voted in favor.

Executive Session:

Personnel: Mayor Randy Banks stated he would rather have all council members present before doing the executive session. Cheryl made a motion to remove the executive session from the agenda and at next week's work session have a called meeting and executive session at that time. James seconded the motion. All unanimously voted in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Cheryl Sams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Bryant seconded the motion. All unanimously voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Submitted by: James (Town Clerk)

Approved by: RJR (Mayor)