

Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem and board member, James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

James Bryant
Tony Hawf
Steve Lewis
Mary Bregantini
Lynda Cagle

Town Clerk: Dawn Carver

Town Attorney: None

Others in attendance:

Max Calor, Mary McDonnell, Mark McDonnell, Dusty Eaton, Daniel O'Connell, Mary Hawf, Michael Carver, Jerry Wright, Lt. Chris Leake

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of December and January's Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Steve Lewis to approve the meeting minutes from the December 1st regularly scheduled meeting and January's absent meeting. All voted unanimously in favor.

IV. Approval of December and January's Financial Reports

A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lynda Cagle to approve the December 2022 and January 2023 Financial Report. All voted unanimously in favor.

V. Maintenance Report

- A. Cleaning out culverts
- B. Vandalism at the park – broke into cabinet and stole paper towels, he moved to the back

VI. Old Business

- A. Blind auction of 1991 Chevy truck during the month of December, sold for \$1025
- B. Approved budget in December and it went into effect in January. Expenditures will be posted monthly

VII. New Business

- A. LMIG – we have applied for funds in the past and need to get all receipts for road improvements. Tony Hawf is going to see where we did the improvements and move forward to get these grants closed out so we are eligible for future grants for roadwork
- B. Audits – delinquent on two years of audits, CPA needs a few more receipts. Are working on keeping up moving forward to stay up to date moving forward
- C. Tourism event planning- looking at more events to expand on Heritage Days all year long – Antique car shows, Easter celebration, Chalking Rock
- D. Town projects – painting in the park area, state compliant with accessibility in the front of the building for disabled, lights for the town
- E. No new news on fire dept. James is working with Chris Stancil on that
- F. Business License increase – A motion was made by Steve Lewis to increase the cost of any future business licenses from \$50 to \$100 per year, seconded by Tony Hawf. All voted unanimously.

- G. Dog leash sign at the park in response to email received from citizen regarding his dog being attacked by a dog not on a leash. No vote because voted on in 2015 per Lynda Cagle.
- H. Increase camera coverage at the pavilion due to vandalism. Currently have 4 cameras but are not covering entrance doors to restrooms. A motion was made by Mary Bregantini to increase number of cameras by 1-2 maxing out at \$700 from ETC, seconded by Lynda Cagle. All voted unanimously in favor.
- I. Talking Rock sign update – still looking at doing this, and want to get with church regarding their sign. Mary suggested putting more signs up on 515 to advertise the town. Citizen Mary McDonnell stated that she has been talking to DOT for a couple weeks who said they would only do “Historic Talking Rock” because the property on both sides of 515 are not our municipality. Mayor Pro Tem said he would reach out to Mayor Lawrence of Jasper. Tony suggested we go ahead and apply for a permit for the new Talking Rock sign from DOT.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Tony Hawf to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lynda Cagle to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. All voted unanimously in favor.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2023 at 7pm with the working session beginning the same day at 5:30pm.

James Bryant Jr. Mayor Pro Tem

Lynda Cagle

Tony Hawf

Mary Bregantini

Attested by:

Steve Lewis

Dawn Carver