

Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023

Mayor Elect James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

James Bryant
Tony Hawf
Mary Bregantini
Lynda Cagle
Caleb Gay

Town Clerk: Dawn Carver

Town Attorney: Seth Stroud

Others in attendance:

Max Calor, Janelle Childree, Eleina Bryant, Lt. Musgrave, Adam Godfrey, Michelle Godfrey, Mike Carver

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mayor Announcements

- A. We had a fantastic Heritage Days for 2023. We had a lot of positive feedback, looking forward to next year.
- B. James acknowledged the donations to the schoolhouse of \$1170. Ms. Argyle West from Calhoun donated \$500, Ms. Patricia Cook of Ballground donated \$500. Mr. and Mrs. Burger donated \$50. In addition, he acknowledged everyone else that donated cash.

IV. Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to approve the October 2023's meeting minutes. All voted unanimously, in favor.

V. Approval of October 2023 Financial Report

A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to approve the October 2023's Financial Report. All voted unanimously, in favor.

VI. Maintenance Report

- A. Repaired a water leak in the park.
- B. Replacing all the rotten windows in town hall

VII. Old Business

- A. Heritage Days –We will have our final numbers at the December meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lyda Cagle, to utilize Bureau Veritas for future building inspections. All voted unanimously in favor.
- B. Alcohol Ordinance -James said he wants to push it until he can get further information. Michelle Godfrey asked, "Is there something being changed?" He said, "No, we don't know. Are you talking about yourself specifically? What we voted on for you is the way we will be doing it with your business. But how we are moving forward as a town...I just don't have enough information. We've already voted on Blackwater Station, and we're good with what we voted on." Michelle asked, "I'm good to sell wine by the bottle and by the glass?" James said, "That's what we voted

on.” Michelle said, “My license says, retail package and consumption on the premises.” James said, “Yes, Ma’am.”

- C. Building Permit fees – we need to contact Bureau Veritas to make sure we have the right prices that benefit all of us.
- D. Library Board – A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to appoint Mary Bregantini as the library board representative. All voted unanimously, in favor. Mary Bregantini abstained.
- E. 2024 Proposed Budget – James went over the budget line by line explaining any additional costs, as well as increases and decreases. The proposed budget for 2024 is \$125,392, an increase of \$17,810. Our current balance for the Operating Budget is \$306k. All numbers will be posted in the town hall, on the website and on social media. We will be having a public hearing on December 14th at 5:30PM. Then we will vote, and the budget will be effective January 1, 2024.

IX. Adjourn

A motion was made by Lynda Cagle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Caleb Gay at 7:30PM. All voted unanimously, in favor.

The next regular council meeting will be December 14, 2023, at 7PM with the working session beginning the same day at 5:30PM. The budget hearing will be at 5:30 PM on the same day.

James Bryant Jr. Mayor Elect

Lynda Cagle

Tony Hawf

Mary Bregantini

Caleb Gay

Attested by: Dawn Carver