

# **Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes**

March 6th, 2025

Mayor James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

**I. Attendance**

Board:

James Bryant

Caleb Gay

Tony Hawf

Jason Little

Lynda Cagle

Darlene O'Connell

Town Clerk: Amanda Buntin

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey, Jene Bryant, Judson Bourke, Max Caylor, Jim Bauman

**II. Call Meeting to Order:**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance:**

**IV. Mayor Announcements:** Mayor Bryant announced the Town hired a new maintenance man, Jim Bauman. Jim stood up and told everyone a little about what type of work he has done. He's very familiar with HVAC work, as well as basic mechanical and electrical work. Mr. Bauman commented how much he loves the Town and that he's thankful to be working with everyone. Mayor Bryant noted what an amazing job Jim has done in the short time he's been with the Town. He's inventoried our maintenance shop and cleaned up everything around the park. The rest of the council welcomed Jim to the Town.

**V. Approval of March 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle to approve the March monthly meeting minutes. All voted unanimously in favor.

**VI. Approval March 2025 Financial Report:** A motion was made by Jason Little, seconded by Darlene O'Connell to approve the March 2025 financial report. All voted unanimously in favor. During the discussion of the monthly financials Jason Little asked why the bill was so high for the Waste Management invoice. It was explained that it was due to overage fees, and this is one of the reasons the town was moving forward with a new waste removal company that will save the town money as well as be more lenient on overage fees.

**VII. Summary of Maintenance:** The only maintenance reported was the Town hired Jim Bauman as the new maintenance contractor, and he stated that he is getting to know everything still but has already cleaned out the maintenance shed as well as cleaned up around the park and schoolhouse.

**VIII. Old Business:**

**A. Vote on Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The council voted to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan presented by Robbie Westbrook, that has been adopted by Pickens County and the city of Nelson.

**IX. New Business:**

**A. Vote on Rail Car Restroom Remodel:** A motion was made by Darlene O'Connell to accept the bid by Dusty Eaton, seconded by Lynda Cagle. All voted unanimously in favor.

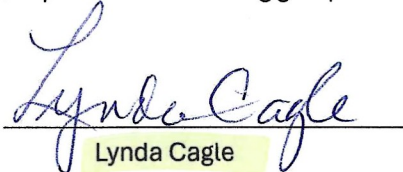
- B. **Vote on Supply List for Restroom Remodel:** A motion was made by Caleb Gay to accept the supply list and cost for the restroom remodel, seconded by Lynda Cagle. All voted unanimously in favor. This is a list of materials that the Town decided to purchase months ago when the project was first brought up. It saves the Town money because the Town can get a better price on the materials.
- C. **Vote on Asphalt Quotes:** A motion was made by Tony Hawf to accept the bid from Johnson Paving, seconded by Darlene O'Connell. All voted unanimously in favor. It was brought up that Johnson paving is doing 2 inches of asphalt and the council decided that 3 inches of asphalt may be needed. The council decided to vote on a 10k addition to be added to the Johnson Paving contract if needed to cover the cost of an extra 1 inch of asphalt.
- D. **Vote on 10k addition for Asphalt if Needed:** A motion was made by Jason Little to accept the addition of the 10k for the extra inch of asphalt if needed, seconded by Lynda Cagle. All voted unanimously in favor.
- E. **Vote on the Destruction of Sheds and Remodel of the Area Quotes:** A motion was made by Darlene O'Connell to accept the bid from Phoenix Landscaping, seconded by Lynda Cagle. All voted unanimously in favor.
- F. **Vote on EOP (Emergency Operations Plan):** A motion was made by Jason little to adopt the EOP from Robby Westbrook, seconded by Lynda Cagle. All voted unanimously in favor.

**A copy of all the quotes that were submitted before the council is available by asking the Town Clerk, Amanda, for a copy.**

- X. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Lynda Cagle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darlene O'Connell at 7:34pm. All voted unanimously in favor.

The next regular council meeting will be April 10, 2025, at 7pm with the working group session beginning the same day at 5:30pm.

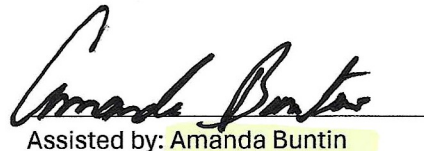
  
James W. Bryant Jr. Mayor

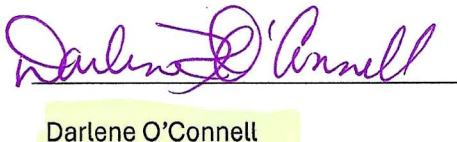
  
Lynda Cagle

  
Tony Hawf

  
Caleb Gay

  
Jason Little

  
Assisted by: Amanda Buntin

  
Darlene O'Connell