

Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

Those present were Oliver Gil, Dusty Eaton and Mari Livsey

Council member present were Mayor Randy Banks, James Bryant, Andrea Watson, Jeremiah Stone, Tony Hawf and Cheryl Sams, Clerk. Melissa Weaver absent.

Mayor Randy Banks called regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm.

James Bryant made a motion to approve March 2021 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Jeremiah Stone. All voted unanimously in favor.

James Bryant made a motion to approve March 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Tony Hawf. All voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Randy Banks gave an explanation as to the funding of the building material for the deck extension at the train cars. The \$4993 from general operating account to assist with the purchase of material will be refunded from Splost account as the funds are received from State of GA. Motion made by James Bryant, 2nd by Jeremiah Stone. All voted unanimously.

Mayor Banks gave information on the flood damage. Detailed list was presented to GEMA and FEMA for consideration of Flood damage. Decision will be made by Federal Government as to the Disaster Relief Declaration.

Heritage Days-James Bryant made a motion to apply for road closure of Hwy 136 W for Heritage Days Festival. Seconded by Tony Hawf. All voted unanimously in favor.

Billboard- For the town to pay \$56.00 towards the artwork for billboard and \$50.00 per month towards monthly fee as Heritage Days Festival will be advertised on the billboard. James Bryant made a motion to allot \$600.00 per year for billboard advertising. Seconded by Jeremiah Stone. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams gave explanation as to the refund of Cares Act funds received in 2020. The Town received 1,115.01. These funds were listed as tax payments in the General Operating Account by a former clerk, prior to Buffy Holcombe. As the mayor and later staff did not know of the funds b available, they were not spent in the allotted time frame. Federal Government demanded a full refund.

Cheryl gave update on the Wildcat Timber/Woodland Capital soil and erosion mandates. \$1000.00 per day from March 15,2021 to April 9,2021. If correct best management practices are not completed in a timely manner fine will increase to \$2,500.00 per day.

Motion made by James Bryant to reimburse Mayor Banks \$200.00 for personal time from day job to address town issues as needed. Seconded by Andrea Watson. All voted unanimously in favor.

Special thanks to Jenne Bryant for her work with the market days.

Also special thanks to all the Volunteers who helped with flood clean up. Andrea and Michael Watson, Jeremiah Stone, Jason Christian, Heather Crider, Jayson Scheerer, Mark Grizzle

Motion to adjourn by James Bryant, 2nd by Andrea Watson. All voted unanimously in favor.
Next meetin Thursday May 6, 2021 at 7pm at Town Hall.