

Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021

Those present were Mary Hawf, Mary McDonnell, Mark McDonnell Thomas Quinton, and Mari Livsey Debbie Nordeste, Mary Bregantini and Dan Bregantini

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

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

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

James Bryant made a motion to approve April 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Andrea Watson. All voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Randy Banks and Laura Rollins explained the Blight ordinance. Motion made by James Bryant. Seconded by Jeremiah Stone. All voted unanimously.

Cheryl Sams explained the need to update the flood ordinance to bring the town in compliance with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. This allows citizens in the flood zone to acquire flood protection thru this government program. Motion made by James Bryant to adopt. Seconded by Melissa Weaver. All voted unanimously in favor.

Discussion of the noise ordinance. Due complaints by town Citizens of excessive noise coming from the downtown area a discussion was had on how to determine what constitutes excessive noise.

Mayor Randy Banks presented an update on the Wildcat.Woodland Capital issue. Wildcat owner Greg Boree and Mayor Banks reached an agreement stating Wildcat would pay a 15,000.00 fine in exchange for the lifting of the stop work order and the 3 year ban on developing or selling.

Cheryl Sams presented an update on the Billboard. Artwork approved and billboard is up.

Mayor Banks discussed that no new projects will be started due to lack of funds and time constraints due to flood repair and other projects in motion, such as Heritage Days.

A discussion of the procedure for events held by private citizens and business owners. All agreed the town needs event permits and rules and regulations. Ms. Sams will create both documents for the review of the council.

An email from Polished Run to have a 1 mile run was brought to the council for approval. Per the email the participants would park in the parking area of the Park and run inside the park. No alcohol would be involved. Mayor Banks voiced concerns as to the safety of the park walking trail. Cheryl Sams made an inquire to Town liability insurance company as was informed our policy would not cover the event. It was determined by the town insurance company that each sponsor of an event would need to have The Town of Talking Rock added as an additional insured on the liability policy covering the event. Motion was made by Tony Hawf. Seconded by James Bryant. All voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Banks present a copy of a draft survey from Zach Bennett which shows a potential division of his property to allow the sale of a portion of the property to a family member. Motion made by James Bryant. Seconded by Jeremiah Stone. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams presented an application from Candida Petite to annex property as shown in the map attached to the application. The zoning of the property will not be changed at this time. Motion by James Bryant. Seconded by Melissa Weaver. All voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Randy Banks discussed an issue with aggressive dogs in the Commercial District. After a discussion with the owner, the owner agreed to have the dogs put in a training program. A letter will be sent to document the discussion. Letter to be sent by the Town Attorney.

Cheryl Sams brought to the attention of the council the need to set the qualifying dates for the upcoming election. James Bryant made a motion to set the dates as August 16-August 20, 2021. The hours will be 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Seconded by Tony Hawf. All voted unanimously in favor.

Mayor Randy Banks discussed the need to raise the millage rate for property tax. After discussion, James Bryant made a motion to set the millage at 4 mills with a roll back to 2 mills. Seconded by Tony Hawf. All voted unanimously in favor.

Due to the holiday next month James Bryant made a motion to move the July Council meeting to July 8, 2021. Seconded by Andrea Watson.

Motion to adjourn by James Bryant, 2nd by Tony Hawf. All voted unanimously in favor.
Next meeting Thursday July 8, 2021 at 7pm at Town Hall.