

Town of Talking Rock  
May Council Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2020

Those present were Mari Livsey.

The following council were present: Mayor Randy Banks, Council members Cheryl Sams, Jeremiah Stone and Andrea Watson

The following council were absent: Melissia Weaver and James Bryant

Mayor Randy Banks called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was not observed due to no flag being present.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the April 2, 2020 Council Meeting minutes. Andrea Watson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the April 2020 General Operating Account financial report. Andrea Watson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the April 2020 FEMA financial report. Andrea Watson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Old Business:

Court System Contract: Attorney Laura Rollins stated details of the contract are still being worked out with the probate judge. Cheryl Sams made a motion to table the court system contract until the June council meeting. Andrea Watson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Park Closure: Cheryl Sams made a motion to open the park beginning Friday, May 8, 2020. Andrea Watson seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

New Business:

Reimbursement of Driveway Repair: Mayor Randy Banks stated several years ago the town put in a bigger pipe through Andrea Watson's driveway before she was on the council and agreed to patch the driveway. Andrea had her driveway concreted and the cost was \$675 for the town's part. An invoice was submitted. The item was moved to the June council meeting because Andrea Watson could not vote on the item and there were not enough council members to discuss and vote on the item.

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Records Destruction Form: Mayor Randy Banks presented the records destruction form the town clerk submitted for review. Since all council members did not have a copy, the town clerk read the list of documents to be destroyed. Cheryl Sams made a motion to approve the destruction form that Rachel listed. Jeremiah Stone seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Parking on Main Street: Mayor Randy Banks stated he had received a couple of complaints from drivers regarding the intersection of Talonah Street and Highway 136. They cannot see to pull out if cars are parked on Main Street in front of Shadow Creek and need to figure out a way to remedy that. Cheryl Sams asked if drivers could not just go out Second Street? Or temporarily put up cones and tape to block off cars from parking or possibly a big mirror across the street. She stated also a fence could go up. Jeremiah agreed with drivers just going down Second Street. Mayor Randy Banks suggested meeting with the GA DOT rep. and get recommendations from them. Cheryl Sams made a motion to do research and consult with the district GA DOT rep. for recommendations. Jeremiah Stone seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Walkway Replacement in Park: Mayor Randy Banks recommended replacing the wood walkway with a concrete walkway in the front portion of the park which would be from the playground equipment on both sides to the front of the park. He has received a quote from Bobbie Lowery for \$4400. It would be 365 foot of concrete that would be 3 feet wide and approx. 3.5 to 4 inches deep. Cheryl Sams recommended a fence on the right-hand side if funds are available. Cheryl Sams made a motion to concrete the front portion of walkway and if funds are available put a fence between the walkway and the creek. Jeremiah seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

Cheryl Sams asked if there were funds for flowers to be planted in the barrels on Main Steet and if the town council wants to do that. Andrea Watson stated if funds were available flowers should be planted. Mayor Randy Banks stated funds were available and flowers will be planted.

Mayor recommended the next council meeting should be in person. Cheryl Sams made a motion that the June meeting be in person at Town Hall. Jeremiah Stone seconded the motion. All voted unanimously in favor.

The town clerk asked if the May work session will be held. Mayor Randy Banks stated no work session for May.

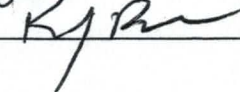
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With no further business to discuss, Cheryl Sams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Watson seconded the motion. All unanimously voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Submitted by:  (Town Clerk)

Approved by:  (Mayor)