

# Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

Mayor James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

## I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

James Bryant  
Tony Hawf  
Lynda Cagle  
Caleb Gay

Town Clerk: Dawn Carver

Town Attorney: Seth Stroud

Others in attendance:

Janelle Childree, Chris Leake, Mike Carver, Mari Livsey, Jene Bryant Eleina Bryant, Hunter Bryant, Brayden Bryant, Mary Bregantini, Robert Haizne, Ray Hodges

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Mayor Announcements -resignation of Dawn Carver, two open council seats

## IV. Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

## V. Approval of December 2023 Financial Report

A motion was made by Caleb Gay, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to approve the December 2023's Financial Report. All voted unanimously, in favor.

## VI. Maintenance Report

A. Flood – septic system backed up into town hall

## VII. Old Business

## VIII. New Business

- A. Swear in of James W. Bryant, Jr. as mayor and Lynda Cagle as council member.
- B. New signer for bank accounts - A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Caleb Gay to make Lynda Cagle and alternate signer on our bank accounts. The vote was unanimous. Lynda Cagle abstained.
- C. Heritage Days booth rental increase – Caleb Gay made a motion, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to increase the Heritage Days booth rental from \$75 to \$100 for the first booth and from \$65 to \$75 for the second booth. All voted unanimously, in favor.
- D. Alcohol Ordinance – The mayor explained to those at the meeting, that we have asked our council to amend our current alcohol ordinance to contain the things they asked (to allow wine by the pour and by the bottle) in the next 30 days so that it can be reviewed by the council for the next meeting in March 7. One of the concerns is to make sure we are in accordance with one of the businesses that has already applied for their alcohol license and to make sure it is outlined correctly for future businesses that apply.
- E. Town of Talking Rock sign – Looking into getting a billboard to promote downtown Talking Rock and the businesses. The town would pay for the sign, then the businesses would pay their percentage of that sign. I have asked a committee to look at the actual cost, and the information

from each businesses that they accept that cost. Would like to have it by springtime so it will be there for summer business.

F. The mayor spoke briefly about the Easter Egg Hunt. Would like to have it in the park, with some vendors and bounce houses. Will solidify at the next council meeting what the date will be.

**IX. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Tony Hawf to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Caleb Gay at 7:28PM. All voted unanimously, in favor.

The next regular council meeting will be March 7, 2024, at 7PM with the working session beginning the same day at 5:30PM.

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James W. Bryant Jr. Mayor

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Lynda Cagle

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Tony Hawf

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Caleb Gay

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Attested by: Dawn Carver