

Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

Mayor Elect James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

James Bryant
Tony Hawf
Mary Bregantini
Lynda Cagle

Not in Attendance:

Caleb Gay

Town Clerk: Dawn Carver

Town Attorney: Seth Stroud

Others in attendance:

Max Calor, Janelle Childree, Doug VonBehren, Chris Leake, Mike Carver, Mari Livsey, Pam Kondos, Susan Kent, Stacey Bagley, Kirk Kondos, Donald Hodges

II. Budget Hearing

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mayor Announcements

V. Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to approve the November 2023's meeting minutes. All voted unanimously, in favor.

VI. Approval of November 2023 Financial Report

A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to approve the November 2023's Financial Report. All voted unanimously, in favor.

VII. Maintenance Report

- A. Blowing leaves
- B. Replaced wax ring at the park

VIII. Old Business

- A. Heritage Days Closeout – Mary Bregantini reported that we had a \$10k budget, which is the same next year, and we came in \$100 over budget. We are talking of increasing the fees for booth rental next year to help offset some of the expenses. Looking forward to an even better one next year. The mayor asked for the public to reach out with any feedback or comments to help make it better.
- B. Presentation of Donation raised during Heritage Days' Duck Race and facepainting. The Pickens County Pregnancy Center and Pickens County Animal Rescue both received \$550 - \$500 from the duck race and \$50 from the face painting.

IX. New Business

- A. A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to approve the new 2024 budget taking effect Jan 1, 2024. All voted unanimously, in favor.

- B. James appointed Janelle Childree to be the representative from Talking Rock on the library board of Pickens county.
- C. A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to accept the \$25k budget to remove and replace the roof on the townhall. All voted unanimously, in favor.
- D. Mold repair – Tabled until we can test again after the roof is repaired before we go into mold repair. The estimate of \$6175 is good until February.
- E. Alcohol Ordinance update – Decided to table until we get more information on whether we can do a variance for Blackwater Station, or update the ordinance.
- F. A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to increase the park rental fee from \$50 for 4 hours to \$75 for 4 hours taking effect January 2024. All voted unanimously, in favor.
- G. A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lynda Cagle, to increase the community room rental fee from \$75 for 4 hours to \$100 for 4 hours taking effect January 2024. All voted unanimously, in favor.
- H. Increase of booth rental – Table until the next meeting in January until more research is done comparing neighboring festivals.
- I. Resignation of Mary Bregantini – Mary has moved outside of town limits so is resigning.
- J. The mayor elect opened the floor to any comments – Mr. Hodges asked what the Heritage Days booth rental was last year, to which James replied \$75.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Lynda Cagle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tony Hawf at 7:51PM. All voted unanimously, in favor.

The next regular council meeting will be January 11, 2024, at 7PM with the working session beginning the same day at 5:30PM.

James Bryant Jr. Mayor Elect

Lynda Cagle

Tony Hawf

Mary Bregantini

Caleb Gay

Attested by: Dawn Carver