

Town of Talking Rock Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem and board member, James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

James Bryant
Tony Hawf
Steve Lewis
Mary Bregantini
Lynda Cagle

Town Clerk: Dawn Carver

Town Attorney: Seth Stroud

Others in attendance:

Audrey Kirsten, Mary McDonnell, Mark McDonnell, Harry Watkins, Mary Hawf, Michael Carver, Larry Cavender, Dusty Eaton, Ronda Mosley, Dan Mosley, Michelle Godfrey, Tony Drizke, Lamar Cantrell, Jerry Wright, Lt. Chris Leake

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of February and March's Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Steve Lewis to approve the meeting minutes from the February's regularly scheduled meeting and March's absent meeting. All voted unanimously in favor.

IV. Approval of February and March's Financial Reports

A motion was made by Mary Bregantini, seconded by Lynda Cagle to approve the February 2023 and March 2023 Financial Report. All voted unanimously in favor.

V. Maintenance Report

- A. Trim bushes clean up the park
- B. Park partitions are good and finished
- C. Gererac is coming out to service on April 18th
- D. Pump in town hall is working properly

VI. Old Business

- A. LMIG update – Last of the repairs on Old Blairsville Rd are scheduled to be able to close out 2020 and 2021 grants
- B. Audit – Dawn has spoken with CPA who stated that he was busy with taxes, but will finish the 2021 audit as soon as he can
- C. Camera update – Decided not to do it because it was going to need an additional cost of \$1800 so it was determined that the coverage is adequate
- D. Roof – Roof was repaired and it was determined that more repairs were needed (roof ridge) at an additional cost of \$1300
- E. Dog leash sign – Has been purchased and will be hung at the pavilion asap

VII. New Business

- A. Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday from 11-2 and will be a meet and greet instead of hunt
- B. Dusty Eaton gave update on his store. Getting ready to pave and is trying to figure out how to keep people from parking in there at night. Lynda Cagle said mural should be about 24 hours more of work.
- C. Chalking-rock will be pushed until spring to allow for more planning time

- D. James reminded Jerry that we need to clean up upper 2 acres before Heritage Days to allow for parking that used to be at the Godfrey’s parking lot. Jerry pointed out that there is an old sunken well that needs to be addressed
- E. Michelle Godfrey said they were planning on doing a car show in July and maybe Market Days that would have booths in the parking lot.
- F. Shadow Creek Variance transfer – Was supposed to have a variance, but it was not approved 2+ years ago. Want to make it so people can live in their businesses. Have to have public notice for 15 days but no more than 45 days, then vote on it.
- G. De-annexation of 4.63 acres – Lamar Cantrell presented – follow up of a land trade of Wildcat Timber and the Grizzle Estate. Two survey’s – second one noted that the shed was taken off. The traded property was not in the city of Talking rock and the property was instrumental as the access road to the subdivision. Tract A needs to get annexed from the county INTO the city and Tract B needs to get de-annexed FROM the city. The attorney stated there is a process for tract A to get annexed into the city from the county where the county has to be notified and allowed 45 days before it can get voted on by the council. There’s also a rezoning process where the property has to be rezoned from agricultural to residential, as well.
- H. Ordinance updates on permits – The mayor pro tem praised Tony Hawf on how he was improving and updating weaknesses in our Charter regarding permits. We will check with neighboring cities to see how we can improve our permitting.
- I. Updating budget on landfill fee – we no longer use that so it will be reallocated from a legal standpoint.
- J. ARPA money – Dawn Carver explained that it can be used for town revitalization like the sidewalks and street lights that the council has been wanting to do per the documents supplied by Mill Graves of Retail Strategies. The money has to be used by 2024.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Lynda Cagle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Lewis at 7:47pm. All voted unanimously in favor.

The next meeting will be June 1, 2023 at 7pm with the working session beginning the same day at 5:30pm. A public hearing will be held at the beginning of the working group regarding the variance for mixed use for downtown businesses to residential-commercial.

James Bryant Jr. Mayor Pro Tem

Lynda Cagle

Tony Hawf

Mary Bregantini

Attested by:

Steve Lewis

Dawn Carver