

# Town of Talking Rock Special Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem and board member, James Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

## I. ATTENDANCE

Board:

James Bryant  
Tony Hawf  
Mary Bregantini  
Lynda Cagle

Not in attendance:

Caleb Gay

Town Clerk: Dawn Carver

Town Attorney: None

Others in attendance:

Mike Carver

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Public Hearing and Vote on Compensation for Mayor and Council Members

- A. James opened the hearing at 7:03 for 30 minutes. James began the discussion at 7:33PM. James would like to add compensation for council members of \$150 for mayor and \$100 for council members, per month which by recommendation by legal representation to mirror Nelson. Mary said she thought it was a really nice gesture, but she felt the \$6000 for the council members would receive over the course of a year could be used for something more needed. She said she thought it should be amended to just compensate the mayor. Tony agreed. She said the mayor should be paid because he puts in a lot more time. James suggested reducing the cost to \$50 and \$100. Mary still thought the money could be better spent. She said the mayor should even get paid possibly more, like \$200. Tony agreed. James said that he believes that this council has done more in the past year than what has been done in the past 5 years. James said he felt like this helps legitimize this town. It is important to him, as the mayor, to do this. Lynda said she felt like having compensation would help give people an incentive to be a council member. A motion was made by Tony Hawf, seconded by Lynda Cagle to pay the council each \$50 and the mayor \$150. 3 voted to approve. Mary Bregantini opposed.

## IV. Discussion

- A. Motorcycle Rally – James' concern was ordinance and insurance, Tony said they were totally insured and he told them no alcohol. James asked what about damage two weeks before HD and residents. Mary suggested we talk to Godfreys since they are right there, and the sheriff's dept. Permits, ordinances, land, and noise were discussed. Tony said that the event, when held in Jasper, lasted until 10-11PM. Mary said she didn't think the town's people would be very happy with us, and she was afraid of opening it up to these types of events. James said we can't officially vote on it until the September council meeting unless we have another special meeting. James will meet with them tomorrow.
- B. Mold in town hall – Dawn put two mold trays in town hall: one in the office and one in the community room. Mold was detected. They were sent off to be analyzed. James wants a mold

expert to come in and inspect the town hall. Need to get an estimate on how much the silicone-based seal would be.

- C. Heritage Days – Discussed the ATM from Community bank, prisoners, and hay bales.
- D. Oak tree adjacent to Watson’s property – Georgia Power needs to be called.
- E. VVF lot change – lots 20 and 21 are combined to make the 25-lot subdivision now be 24 lots.
- F. Trash pickup – James said that when this new subdivision goes in, we won’t be able to do free trash pickup. We will need to stop that. Tony said that that is one of the 3 things that we have that makes us qualify as a town. James said Kris Stancil said he considers the post office as one of our 3 things.

**V. Adjourn**

Mary Bregantini made a motion to adjourn, and Lynda Cagle seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

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James Bryant Jr. Mayor Pro Tem

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Lynda Cagle

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Tony Hawf

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Mary Bregantini

Attested by:

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Caleb Gay

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Dawn Carver