



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Monday, August 12, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker of the Council

Speaker Shambaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain Coke, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Victoria Vazquez; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Kevin Easley Jr.

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Tehee moved to approve. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin announced they have brought back the paramedic training. He spoke about the partnership with the Gilcrease Museum and the printing press. We received a \$10 million grant for the Wildfire Program. The annual controlled hunts are back via random draw. The Five Civilized Tribes announced a Wildlife Management Reciprocity Agreement during Inter-Tribal. Chief Hoskin provided an update on housing and upcoming ribbon cuttings. Tomorrow phase 2 of the Durbin Feeling Act will begin with the ground breaking of the middle school. Sequoyah High School is back to school this week with a new Superintendent, Terry Huestis. He announced there has been discussion on the disaster responses. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Cherokee National Holiday.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Chief of Staff, Corey Bunch and Secretary of Veteran Affairs Crittenden presented Steven Thomas Silby with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garrett gave the financial report for June. They are in the midst of preparing the budget for the next fiscal year. He provided an update on our casino in Arkansas. He reported Cherokee Federal is setting records with their contracts. Will Rogers Downs has reopened following the tornado damage, the campground does still need work. He announced the upcoming cultural exhibits. Nanyehi returns to Hard Rock this year with actor Wes Studie. He offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Shotpouch announced the 71st Annual Shotpouch Hog Fry will be held on August 25th, she invited everyone to attend.

Councilor Poindexter gave appreciation for Councilors Tehee and Hall attending the Bell Powwow.

Councilor Hall announced a District 3 and District 8 Community meeting at Tenkiller on September 6th. She also announced the holiday bass tournament will be held on September 7th at Chicken Creek.

Councilor Tehee announced the Sequoyah High School football preview fundraiser is on August 23rd.

Councilor Sam gave appreciation to his fellow Councilors and Council Staff for the tremendous baby gift to him and his wife.

Several Councilors requested thoughts and prayers for Cherokees who have passed over the last month.

Chair Shambaugh wished everyone safe travels.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:33 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.