



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

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Tuesday, January 17, 2023

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 17 - Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief

Chief Hoskin reported on the opening of a domestic violence shelter in Stilwell. He spoke of an upcoming business item on the Rules Agenda where the Council will consider the approval of \$180ml for drug prevention. He provided an update on the passage of the Durban Feeling Language Act in D. C. In December a memorandum of agreement was signed with Jay Public Schools for housing. Mr. Todd Enlow has returned to be the Executive Director of the Housing Authority. He reported on the Marble City and Kenwood Community Centers and the effect they would have on those small towns infrastructure. Chief Hoskin celebrated Martin Luther King Day yesterday in Muskogee.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

and

S. Joe Crittenden, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Deputy Chief Warner made remarks about our Native American Veterans, language preservation and the code talkers. He and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Crittenden honored Mark Prather and Steven Cheatem with the Cherokee Medal of Patriotism.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Chuck Garrett

Mr. Garret reported on the November financial results. He provided an update on the Arkansas gaming litigation.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Callison made a motion to amend the agenda to include items 1 through 4. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [22-093](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO CAVE SPRINGS SCHOOL

Sponsors: Joshua Sam, Shawn Crittenden, Mike Shambaugh, Dora Patzkowski and Victoria Vazquez

Councilor Sam made a motion to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-001-23

2. [22-094](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO OAKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez and Dora Patzkowski

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-002-23

3. [22-095](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION WAREHOUSE
TO DONATE SURPLUS ITEMS TO BRAGGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Sponsors: E. O. "JR." Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Rex Jordan, Victoria Vazquez
and Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-003-23

4. [22-096](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #30-22 AUTHORIZING
THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023 - MOD. 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Sponsors: Keith Austin, Joshua Sam, Mike Shambaugh, Victoria Vazquez and
Dora Patzkowski

**Councilor Austin moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried.**

Enactment No: LA-01-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Several Councilors requested prayers and remembrance of citizens who have passed
over the last month.*

*Councilor Coates announced the Florida At Large meeting will be held the weekend of
February 11th.*

*Speaker Shambaugh commented on all of the good going on in the Cherokee Nation.
He recognized several members of the audience.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Shotpouch seconded the
motion. The motion carried at 6:35 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on February 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal
headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.