

MINUTES FOR 07/09/02

Board of Aldermen

Town of Talty

I. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum

Mayor Allison Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. All Board Members were present.

II. Citizen Participation – citizens are invited to address the Board of Aldermen. No citizens signed up to speak.

III. Action Items:

a. Appoint Marshal – Jerry Wortham.

Discussion: Jerry has served as the Marshal since August 1999, when we first incorporated. Jerry will need to attain certified peace officer status within two years, provide permit to carry a weapon and obtain bond as required by law. The town may be able to cover the bond through the TML Risk Pool Insurance coverage.

Motion: To appoint Jerry Wortham as Town of Talty Marshall.

Made by: Brad Davis

2nd: Jeremy Benton

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

b. Appoint and Approve compensation for Town Secretary & Municipal Court Clerk – Carla Milligan.

Discussion: Carla has previously served as Town Secretary and Municipal Court Clerk. She has served as Town Secretary since June 17, 2002 as a result of the vacancy in the job. Previous compensation for Town Secretary was \$7/per hour. Compensation recommendation of \$10/per hour retro to June 17, 2002.

Motion: To appoint and approve compensation for Carla Milligan as Town Secretary and Municipal Court Clerk with a \$10/per hour rate and making that compensation retro back to her starting date of employment, June 17, 2002.

Made by: JoAnn McKethan **2nd:** Beth Heathington

Vote: All in favor. Motion Passes

- c. Swear-in newly appointed officials:
- i. Patricia Ashcroft – Municipal Judge,
 - ii. Carla Milligan – Town Secretary & Municipal Court Clerk.

Mayor Weaver swore in each appointed official and provided them with a certificate of appointment. At this time Jerry Wortham was not sworn in due to his absence.

- d. Approve two year staggered terms for Board of Aldermen (Mayor and five Aldermen) and adopt an at-large election of Aldermen.

Discussion: Mayor Weaver explained that originally there were 1 year terms. The Board voted in 2000 for 2 yr staggered terms which was changed in 2001 back to 1 year terms. There is concern about the stability and experience of the Board members, and the difficulty in getting citizens to run for the positions. Other towns are even implementing 3 yr terms. Local Government code only provides for 2 yr terms. At-large elections are more conducive to small town where there is difficulty getting candidates. Place system could result in openings and even though a place system election is an ordinance of the town, it has never been implemented. Changes made by approving ordinance.

Motion: To approve ordinance for two year staggered terms for Board of Aldermen (Mayor and five Aldermen) and adopt an at-large election of Aldermen.

Made by: JoAnn McKethan **2nd:** Ginny Carter

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes

- e. Adopt 2000 International Code Series and 2002 National Electrical Code.
Discussion: Mayor Weaver met with Building Inspector David Smith on

06/28/02. David recommended approval of new codes. These are industry recognized, minimum standards. Adoption made by approving an ordinance.

Motion: To approve ordinance adopting the 2000 International Code Series and 2002 National Electrical Code.

Made by: Brad Davis **2nd:** Beth Heathington

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes

f. Approve minutes of June 18, 2002 Public Hearing & Special Meeting.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 18, 2002 with no changes.

Made by: Ginny Carter **2nd:** Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes

g. Approve June, 2002 Secretary's Report.

Discussion: Service charges showed up after merger from First State Bank to Wells Fargo. Will need to follow up to get reversed.

Motion: To approve the June Secretary's report with no changes.

Made by: Brad Davis **2nd:** JoAnn McKethan

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes

IV. Discussion Items:

a. Update on Exxon Septic Issue

Discussion:

Mayor Weaver spoke with Mr. Tatari on Friday, 07/05/02. His engineer has been out of town on an assignment. He will follow up on Monday or Tuesday.

Mayor Weaver spoke again to Mr. Tatari late this afternoon, 7/9/02, his engineer is still out of town.

b. Development in and around Talty:

i. Winners Circle Phase 3,

Discussion:

Preliminary plat received, changes are required. Will have public hearing at our August 13 meeting due to variances in set backs.

ii. Red Whaley.

Discussion:

Mayor Weaver provided update on possibly "saving" the Cotton Gin as an historical building. Alderman Beth Heathington will lead the initiative. Red Whaley is open to discussing the topic.

c. Future Agenda Items

- Fireworks - enforcement
- Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Changes
- Town Logo - Check out (velocityone.com) for some examples.

V. Adjourn

Discussion: None

Motion: To Adjourn.

Made by: Beth Heathington **2nd:** Jeremy Benton

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes approved

on: August 13, 2002

Allison Weaver, Mayor