

MINUTES FOR 05/11/04

Board of Aldermen

Town of Talty

I. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. All Board members were present.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Jeremy Benton led the invocation and Mayor Weaver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Citizen Participation – All citizens wishing to address the Board of Aldermen must sign in at the beginning of the meeting.

No citizens signed up to speak.

IV. Action Items:

a. Discussion and consideration of Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project;

Discussion: Bonnie Hill of the Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project (KCAAP) provided information about her organization and the services they provide. She explained the difference between KCAAP which is a humane society and some of the private animal control businesses that provide enforcement services. Ms. Hill also provided a handout with information regarding KCAAP and requested a donation to the organization. The Board discussed the requested donation to KCAAP and agreed that since the funds were not budgeted, we would not be able to contribute at this time.

Motion: None. No action taken.

Made by: N/A

Second: N/A

Vote: N/A

b. Discussion and consideration of Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with IESI;

c. Discussion and consideration of Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Hiram Waste and Recycling;

Discussion: Mayor Weaver requested to discuss items b and c at the same time. The franchise agreements for IESI and Hiram have not been executed as of the meeting. Both companies were notified in November 2003 of the

new ordinance and more than sufficient time has passed to finalize the franchise agreements. Mayor Weaver reported that she would be sending letters to both IESI and Hiram notifying them that if the franchise agreements are not ready for the June 8 meeting, the town's code enforcement officer will be directed to issue citations for violation of the ordinance regarding the permitting of solid waste providers. With no agreements to consider, Mayor Weaver recommended that no action be taken and to table these two agenda items until the June meeting.

Motion: To table items b and c.

Made by: Beth Heathington **Second:** Ginny Carter

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

d. Discussion and consideration of expenses for Police Department;

Discussion: Mayor Weaver introduced two items related to the police department expenses: (1) approval of new strobe light for police vehicle for \$227.40 and (2) approval to apply for business credit card for police vehicle maintenance expenses. The credit card request is being presented to limit the amount of out of pocket expenses incurred by the Police Chief. The credit card would be issued by the Town bank, Wells Fargo, and it could be set up to allow charging specific types of expenses, e.g. vehicle maintenance expenses. The minimum credit limit is \$500 and it was recommended that the limit be set at \$500. The credit card would be paid off in full each month to avoid finance charges.

(1) Motion: To approve \$227.40 for purchase of strobe light for police vehicle.

Made by: Brad Davis **Second:** Jeremy Benton

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

(2) Motion: To approve applying for business credit card for vehicle maintenance expenses for the police department.

Made by: JoAnn McKethan **Second:** Beth Heathington

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

e. Discussion and consideration of standard hiring practices;

Discussion: Mayor Weaver provided an update on the hiring of a new Town Secretary. The town does not have any formal hiring practices and she believes it is important that a hiring policy is adopted. Mayor Weaver made the following recommendations for all new hires: criminal background check, drug testing, credit check and reference check. She also recommended that appointments be presented to the Board after a 60 day probationary period.

Motion: To adopt the recommended hiring policy.

Made by: JoAnn McKethan **Second:** Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

f. Discussion and consideration of annexing roads adjacent to town limits;

Discussion: Mayor Weaver explained that there are several roads where the town limits end in the middle of the road. She recommended that the Board proceed with annexing the other side of the road for FM 1641 and FM 148.

The Board members agreed and suggested that the Mayor proceed with the appropriate actions. Mayor Weaver will present the ordinances in the June meeting.

Motion: None. No action taken.

Made by: N/A

Second: N/A

Vote: N/A

g. Discussion and consideration of minutes from April 13, 2004 meeting;

Discussion: None.

Motion: To approve the minutes for the April 13, 2004 meeting.

Made by: Ginny Carter

Second: Beth Heathington

Vote: All in favor except Jeremy Benton, who abstained. Motion passes.

h. Discussion and consideration of March and April 2004 Financial Reports.

Discussion: Mayor Weaver reviewed the new format of the monthly financial reports. After discussion, it was agreed that the financial reports to be submitted for approval will be the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and the YTD Budget versus Actual Expenses. Additional detail reports will be provided for information only.

Motion: To approve the March and April 2004 Financial Reports.

Made by: Beth Heathington

Second: Jeremy Benton

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

V. Discussion Items:

a. Receive report on law/code enforcement activity;

Police Chief Dennis Wagner provided an update on activity for the month of April. He responded to 4 dispatched calls, 1 accident, 17 traffic stops, 1 misdemeanor, issued 15 citations, 3 warnings and 1 code warning. He also reported that he will be attending Police Chief training in September.

b. Update on pending litigation;

Mayor Weaver reported that she was attending the deposition of Mike Tatari related to the Exxon septic litigation on Thursday, May 13. The Supreme Court Appeal for Jay Hartsell, et. al. is progressing.

c. Update on development in and around Talty;

Mayor Weaver reported that she will be meeting with Mesquite regarding releasing their ETJ sometime in May.

d. Alderman updates and communications.

Alderman Jeremy Benton presented the latest version of the Thoroughfare Plan. The Board agreed that it was ready to proceed with public hearings and approval.

VI. Adjourn

Discussion: None

Motion: To adjourn

Made by: Brad Davis

Second: JoAnn McKethan

Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes Approved on July 8, 2004

Allison Weaver, Mayor