

MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2007
TOWN OF TALTY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Todd W. Hutton at the Trinity Family Church, located at the intersection of FM 1641 and I-20, and a quorum was announced. Aldermen members present were Brad Davis, Frank Garrison, Larry Farthing, and Carla Milligan. Barbie Kraig was absent. Also present were Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.
- II. Mayor Hutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Mayor Hutton swore in Alderman Carla Milligan, who took the Oath of Office. Mayor Hutton swore in Alderman Larry Farthing, who took the Oath of Office.
- IV. Mayor Hutton presented a plaque to the former Mayor Earl Carter in honor of his service to the town. Mayor Hutton also presented a silver, engraved pen to each Alderman in honor of their service to the town.

There were no citizens who signed in to address the Board.

V. Action Items:

1. Mayor Hutton opened nominations from the Board for the Mayor Protem and nominated Carla Milligan. A Motion was made by Larry Farthing to accept the nomination of Carla Milligan as Mayor Protem.
Seconded: Brad Davis
Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Hutton read the Resolution 2007-04 in support of our troops. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to accept this resolution as read.
Seconded: Brad Davis
Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.
3. The Board discussed hiring R & C Hydromulch to spray for mosquitoes in the town limits of Talty. Richard Cunningham, who lives in Forney, and owns the business, addressed the Board to answer questions. It is a fog spray that works best when mosquitoes are at their peak time, which is usually 10:00 p.m. He charges \$30 per mile for road, and \$50 per mile for off-road (around ponds and creeks). If it rains or the winds are over 10mph, he cannot spray. There is approximately 20 miles of road in Talty to be sprayed. The ETJ will not be sprayed, and his estimate does not

include the entire HOAs, only the town limits. He suggested two sprayings, about 5-7 days apart. This fog will not hurt the fish. His fee for two sprayings will be \$1,300. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to spray twice for mosquitoes in the town limits of Talty \$1,300.

Seconded: Carla Milligan

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

9. (Item taken up out of order) Mayor Hutton nominated Patricia Ashcroft as Municipal Judge for Talty for the next two-year term. A Motion was made by Carla Milligan to accept the nomination of Patricia Ashcroft as Municipal Judge for Talty for the next two-year term.

Seconded: Larry Farthing

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Hutton swore in Patricia Ashcroft as Municipal Judge for Talty and she took the Oath of Office.

5. (Item taken up out of order) The Board discussed and considered outsourcing the bookkeeping and taxes to Murrey & Co. Gary Murrey addressed the Board and answered questions. Mr. Murrey presented a proposal letter to the Board. Murrey stated that he owns Cornerstone Payroll as well. The Talty staff will continue making deposits, and writing checks. His staff will handle the bookkeeping, payroll, taxes and filing tax reports. If late penalties are incurred by the IRS, his company will absorb the cost. They will prepare the monthly financial reports to the board. He has already spoken with Meredith Briggs, from his office, who would be handling our bookkeeping. The bank statements will be sent directly to his office. Mr. Murrey anticipated that his auditor fees would be increased this year if he continued to be the Town's auditors. His fee is based on the estimated number of hours he anticipates it would take to do the work. The payroll is a set fee based on four employees being paid bi-monthly. In his proposal, he estimated two trips to the Talty office to pick up and retrieve documents. Mayor Hutton stated that by hiring Murrey & Co. it would reduce the town's risk and reduce error, taxes would be timely paid, and staff will be freed up for other projects. Murrey said his office would no longer be the town's auditors if his office was hired to do the bookkeeping. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to accept Murrey's proposal for bookkeeping and payroll services.

Seconded: Carla Milligan

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. The Board discussed the final plat for Layden Farms, Phase I. Mike Nawar, of GMC, LLC., addressed the Board to answer questions. He stated that there are no changes to the final plat. There are two items that must be resolved before any permits are issued and any work started. (1) The bond must be for two years and 100%; and (2) we must get an

approval letter from PBS&J Engineering. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the final plat of Layden Farms subject to an adequate bond being delivered to the Town and an approval letter from PBS&J.

Seconded: Larry Farthing

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

7. The Board discussed Ordinance 2007-05 which would reduce the speed limit on portions of CR 213 to 25 mph. Three signs would be strategically placed to give driver's notice of the reduced speed. Mr. Goodwin stated an estimated cost to order the signs and poles would be approximately \$250.00 plus installation. Brad Davis and Carla Milligan both suggested looking into reducing all the residential streets in Talty to 25 mph if the majority of the residents are in favor of this idea. Connie Goodwin stated that he sent a letter to Jan Heady, with TXDOT requesting the speed limit be reduced on Hwy. 1641 between CR213 and CR216 (Bunny Run) to 45 mph. He has not had a reply from Ms. Heady. A Motion was made by Carla Milligan to approve Ordinance 2007-05.

Seconded: Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

8. The Board considered the appointment of Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P. and specifically, David Berman to continue to be the attorney of record for the Town of Talty. A Motion was made by Brad Davis to reappoint David Berman and the law firm of Nichols, Dillard, Hager & Smith for the next two years to be counsel of record.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

10. The Board considered Resolution 2007-02 designating two signatures on every check and a \$500 limit if an item is not in the budget, the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem must sign. A Motion was made by Brad Davis to approve Resolution 2007-02.

Seconded: Carla Milligan

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

6. (Item taken up out of order) The Board considered amending the budget to reflect the following changes so the numbers can be incorporated and accurate when Murrey takes over the Town's financials:

- a. reducing comprehensive plan expense \$3,509;
- b. increase election expense \$1,984;
- c. increase audit expense \$1,525;
- d. reduce engineering fees \$2,000;
- e. add new account for bookkeeping \$2,000.

A Motion was made by Larry Farthing to amend the budget as suggested.

Seconded: Frank Garrison
Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

11. The Board considered Ordinance 2007-03 to accept the election results. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve Ordinance 2007-03.

Seconded: Brad Davis
Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

12. The Board discussed and considered the April 2007 financial reports. Because the budget does not accurately reflect monthly totals, it was suggested that these financials be tabled. A Motion was made by Brad Davis to table approval of the April 2007 financial reports until Murrey's office handles the reports and presents them to the Board.

Seconded: Carla Milligan
Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

13. The Board discussed the Minutes of May 8, 2007 and May 15, 2007. A Motion was made by Carla Milligan to approve May 8, and 15, 2007 Minutes.

Seconded: Frank Garrison
Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

VI. Discussion items

1. A police report was distributed by Reserve Officer Greg Tapp. Greg Tapp addressed the board for any questions. Chief West was absent. Tapp discussed different classes he was attending to have enough hours for his master peace officer designation. Mr. Goodwin requested copies of any certificates of classes he has completed for his personnel file. The light bar across the police car is not working. The Board would like to meet any possible recruits for reserve officers and requested that they come to the next board meeting. Carla Milligan asked if Connie Goodwin would come up with an estimate of how much it cost to hire each reserve officer including insurance, badges, etc. Tapp has a badge being made by the prison. Officers are to pay themselves at approximately \$70 per badge. Mr. Goodwin stated that TML insurance is done by position not by name of officer. Tapp stated that a hand-held radar gun was being donated by another department.
2. Connie Goodwin stated that the road repair on Cleaver has been completed. The cul-de-sac was not in the bid process and was not repaired. Goodwin stated that he spoke with Mike Tatari and he will probably start his strip in October and remodel the Exxon as well.

3. Carla Milligan asked Connie Goodwin if the Town was receiving all the franchise fees. He replied that IESI was behind in paying their fees. Ms. Milligan wants Chief West to cite their trash trucks and not allow them to pick up trash until the fees are paid.

VII. After no further business, a Motion was made by Brad Davis to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Larry Farthing

Vote: All in favor, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:25 p.m.

Approved: _____

Mayor Todd W. Hutton

Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby