

MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2007
TOWN OF TALTY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Earl Carter at the Trinity Family Church, and a quorum was announced. Board of Aldermen members present were Todd Hutton, Frank Garrison, and Carla Milligan. Brad Davis was absent without notice, and Barbie Kraig was out-of-town. Also present were Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.

Four citizens signed in to address the Board. Each person was given three minutes to speak. Todd Hutton objected to citizens using the Town meeting for their platform for political purposes.

Patrick Briney, serving as a Director of Shamrock's HOA, signed in to address the Board. He distributed a hand-out regarding his remarks. In summary, Mr. Briney gave an open invitation to the homeowners of Shamrock to come to an open house on Saturday, March 17, 2007, regarding the Beautification Committee of the Shamrock development. Mr. Briney also discussed his personal feelings and his objection toward Alderman and mayoral candidate Todd Hutton. Todd Hutton hired our Chief of Police, Jason West, for one hour while attending a meeting last week in Shamrock. Briney requested that the Town have a policy not to use the Town's officer while on duty, and not use the town's resources.

Jen Lopez, serving as a Director of Shamrock's HOA, signed in to address the Board. She also distributed a hand-out regarding the history of Shamrock Ridge and her personal feelings toward Alderman Todd Hutton. She stated that she would actively campaign against Todd Hutton for Mayor.

Rebecca Spence, a homeowner in Shamrock, signed in to address the Board. She introduced herself as a candidate for Alderman in the upcoming May election. She spoke well of Todd Hutton, as a neighbor and friend.

Tammy Hutton, a homeowner in Shamrock, signed in to address the Board. She is married to Alderman Todd Hutton, and in defense of her husband, explained why she thought the police officer was necessary, when he accompanied Todd Hutton to a Shamrock meeting last week. She read and gave the Board a threatening obscene email which her husband had received from Patrick Briney.

IV. Action Items:

1. The Board reviewed and discussed the Compromise Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims regarding Media Eyes, LLC.
Motion made by Todd Hutton to accept the Compromise Settlement Agreement wherein the attorneys' fees in the total amount of \$6,500.00 will be paid by Media

Eyes, LLC., and they will have five (5) business days to remove the sign, no later than August 7, 2007.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

2. The Board discussed hiring Kaufman County to conduct the upcoming election in May, 2007. The cost is considerably higher than last year, at a cost of \$3,300. The budget will need to be amended to reflect the increased cost. Mr. Connie Goodwin met and discussed with Dick Murphy the fee and attempted to reduce the fee, at no avail.

Motion made by Todd Hutton to hire Kaufman County to conduct the Town's May election.

Seconded: Carla Milligan

Vote: Frank Garrison "No" ; 2-1 Motion carried.

3. The Board discussed and reviewed the Racial Profiling Report, generated from the court computer system.

Motion made by Carla Milligan to accept and approve the Racial Profiling Report as submitted.

Seconded: Todd Hutton

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Board discussed and reviewed cost of repairs for Cleaver Lane and Douglas Circle. The estimate to repair these two streets has increased substantially due to large cement trucks tearing up the roads. Town Hall has received many telephone calls with complaints regarding the condition of these roads.

Motion made by Frank Garrison to repair Cleaver Lane and Douglas Circle, without a ceiling on the amount, and spend within the budget.

Seconded: Todd Hutton

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

5. The Board discussed the Court Clerk to have a petty cash fund in the amount of \$30 in order to make change for court, when change needs to be made from fines.

Motion by Carla Milligan

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

6. The Board reviewed the Minutes of February 13, 2007 board meeting.

Motion by Carla Milligan to table the approval of the February 13, 2007 Minutes because she and Frank Garrison were absent, and could not vote to approve the minutes.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

7. The Board received the financial documents for October, November, December 2006, and January 2007. The Board decided that more time was needed to scrutinize these reports before approving them.

Motion made by Carla Milligan to take time to review the financial reports until the next special meeting called on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m., at which time they will be discussed at length.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Discussion Items:

1. The Board discussed ETJ annexation issues. Mr. Connie Goodwin has attempted to get a current ETJ map from Mesquite. Frank Garrison will try to also get a map for the Town of Talty.
2. Trinity Valley will be submitting a request for a conditional use permit from the Board on the western side of Whitney Properties (behind Town Hall), estimated to be 2500' from Helms Trail for a substation. It is currently zoned commercial, and Trinity Valley will ask for a variance to "industrial."
3. Carla Milligan asked Mr. Connie Goodwin to update the population signs in Talty to reflect the census. Mr. Goodwin has written Tex Dot but has not received a response. Ms. Milligan requested that Kathy Padgett be contacted in Kaufman County, who works for Tex Dot.
4. The monthly Police Report was submitted by Reserve Officer, Greg Tapp. The Board indicated that they would like to meet any new prospective reserve officers prior to beginning the job. The Talty Police were given good reviews from the Texas Dept. of Public Safety officers, and the Sheriff's Department of Kaufman County. Our officers have given them assistance on the road, and have communicated with them on various stops. Carla Milligan would like the officers to ticket 18 wheelers parked on the ramps of I-20, where "no parking" signs were placed by Tex Dot. Mayor Carter does not want them ticketed. Reserve Officer Greg Tapp would like the Board to approve citizens riding along with them. The Police Report requested that the Board approve the cost for all officers to attend classes in the amount of \$285.00. This will be on the next agenda or Mayor Carter will decide after he receives further information from Chief West.
5. Carla Milligan introduced herself, as well as Larry Farthing, and Rebecca Spence as candidates for Alderman for the upcoming election in May, 2007. She also pointed out Todd Hutton and Mayor Carter as candidates for Mayor.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Dated: _____

Mayor Earl Carter

Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary