

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2006
TOWN OF TALTY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Trinity Family Church, and a quorum was announced by Mayor Carter. Board of Aldermen members present were Brad Davis, Frank Garrison, Carla Milligan and Todd Hutton. Also present were Connie Goodwin and Sherry Bagby, as Town Secretary. Barbie Kraig was absent due to being out –of- town for work.

III. The regular meeting was not adjourned and Public Hearing was not held to consider amending Section 6a-104, Qualifications, Ordinances 2005-101, because it was not properly posted by the Planning & Zoning Commission prior to tonight’s meeting.

There was no citizens’ participation.

VI. Action Items:

1. No action was taken to amend Section 6A-104, Qualifications Ordinance 2005-101, to read “six members shall be residents of the Town; one member may be a resident of the Town’s ETJ.”

2. The Board discussed hiring a consulting firm for website Maintenance, creation of a Town logo, and web hosting and considered the following:

- (a) Cave Consulting, Todd Cave and
- (b) Sprocket Data, Jeffrey Johnston

Motion made to allow Sprocket Data to present a written, formal proposal, setting forth the fee structure and the items it would cover, including monthly web hosting and creation of a logo.

Motion by: Carla Milligan

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Board discussed and considered adding additional members to the Planning & Zoning Commission due to vacancies at this time. Allison Weaver has resigned, effective October 6, 2006, per her letter of resignation distributed to all Board members.

Motion by Todd Hutton to nominate Wes Kucera, who lives in Shamrock 7, and works for the City of Garland as a manager in the waste water plant department.

Seconded: Frank Garrison Vote: All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Frank Garrison to nominate Charlie Webb, who lives in Shamrock 7, and is also a Dallas fireman.

Seconded: Todd Hutton Vote: All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Carla Milligan to nominate Don Cowan, who served in years past, and lives in Winner's Circle. He is a fireman for Dallas.

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

The Board unanimously accepts the appointments of the following individuals to the Planning & Zoning Commission:

Don Cowan, Wes Kucera, and Charlie Webb.

4. The Board discussed and considered transferring \$17,425.00 to the TexPool Investment Fund to make an even \$100,000 in the TexPool Investment account. The interest fluctuates daily and is re-invested into the account. Brad Davis is a signature on the account and will remain on the account, and Mayor Earl Carter will be on the account, replacing Allison Weaver.

Motion by Brad Davis to transfer funds to the TexPool Investment Fund account to make the account an even \$100,000 investment.

Seconded: Carla Milligan Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

5. The Board discussed and considered action to authorize the Town Attorney to take necessary action, including filing a lawsuit, to compel removal of the illegal sign/billboard situation at FM 1641 and FM 148.

Motion by Brad Davis to instruct the Town Attorney to take legal action and pursue litigation to remove the illegal billboard/sign on the property located at FM 1641 and FM 148.

Seconded: Frank Garrison Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

6. Financial reports for September, 2006 were not available because the bank statements were not received until 10/10/06 in the office.

Motion by Brad Davis to table the approval of any financial reports for September 2006, until the November meeting.

Seconded: Todd Hutton Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

7. The Board reviewed Minutes from the September 12, 2006 meeting,

Motion by Frank Garrison to approve the September 12, 2006 minutes as submitted.

Seconded: Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor, except Todd Hutton, who did not attend the meeting.
Motion carried.

8. The Board reviewed the written proposal from Kaufman County to repair CR213 for the amount of \$10,490.00.

Motion by Todd Hutton to accept the bid from Kaufman County to repair CR213 in the amount of \$10,490.00, and to allow an additional \$2,500 to complete additional road repair that has gone bad since this bid was received.

Seconded: Carla Milligan Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Discussion Items:

1. **Comprehensive Plan.** Connie Goodwin gave a brief update on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan, and the Minutes of the meeting on September 26, 2006, were reviewed by the Board. The next Comprehensive Planning Meeting will be in November.

2. **Annexation of additional property into Talty town limits.**

Several individuals have expressed an interest to be annexed into the Town of Talty so they would be able to vote, and have police and fire protection, and to allow Talty's ETJ to be extended an additional ½ mile out. This additional ½ mile radius would push back Terrell from coming up on the East side of our town, and would hold Mesquite from coming any closer on the West side of Talty. The areas where interest has been expressed are in subdivisions of **Emerald Ranch** (received 25 letters from citizens); **Winners Circle Phases 2, 3, 4 and Shamrock Estates phases 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8.** Currently citizens pay 3% fee of their property value to Kaufman County for civil services. This fee would no longer be collected and the Town of Talty would pay this tax on behalf of all homeowners in its town limits. It would be advantageous for the Town of Talty because it would increase the franchise fees collected. Jim Lambert, the President of the Shamrock Homeowner's Association, was in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding concerns of its citizens. An election would need to be held and the citizens vote on this issue. In order for it to pass, a majority of qualified voters, over 51% of the voter turn-out must vote "yes."

3. **Police Report.** A police report by Chief West was distributed for the Board's review of police activity in the Town of Talty.

4. **Developments around Talty.**

Brad Davis asked about the survey being conducted. Mr. Goodwin stated that the survey is being done when PBS&J prepares the new maps.

Frank Garrison asked about the MUD district on the east side coming up behind Shamrock and Emerald Ranch. It was emphasized that Talty needs a buffer between the "MUD" district by Bushy Creek.

Carla Milligan asked if the fine (\$4,750) imposed on Almo Investments has been paid by Mike Tatari. It has not been paid to date. Mr. Goodwin sent a letter requesting that it be paid immediately.

5. **Aldermen Updates**

Carla Milligan stated that the Fall Festival has been cancelled, and will be hopefully postponed until the spring, 2007. She has been promised a \$1,000 donation from a developer towards the festival.

Mayor Carter adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Dated: _____

Mayor Earl Carter

Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary