MINUTES OF JULY 11, 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, Todd Hutton, Barbie Kraig, and Carla Milligan. Also present were Connie Goodwin and Sherry Bagby, as Town Secretary.

III. Brad Davis was administered the Oath of Office to serve on the Board of Aldermen by Mayor Carter.

IV. Citizen's Participation.

Fred Sherman signed in at the meeting to address the Board. He lives on Cleaver Lane and is concerned about the crime in his area.

V. Action Items

1. Motion made to table the Layden's request to annex their property on FM 2932 into Talty's ETJ. Talty has not received the Layden's Petition. A special meeting may be called when and if it is received.

Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Frank Garrison Vote: All in favor, motion carried to wait on annexation.

2. Motion made to implement the absenteeism policy set forth in the Local Government Code. A Board member must call the office or the Mayor prior to the meeting in order to have an excused absence. A Board member cannot have three consecutive unexcused absences. Work is an excused absence if notified prior to the meeting.

Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Carla Milligan

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion made for the Town Secretary to attend a training seminar in Irving, Texas on August 10 and 11, 2006. An agreement must be signed to continue her position with the Town of Talty for at least six months after the seminar, or the Town will require a reimbursement for the cost of the seminar. Also, the Court Clerk must sign a six month agreement to remain employed by the Town of Talty after she attends the training in Austin for her position, or she must reimburse the Town of Talty for the cost and expenses incurred by Talty.

Motion by: Carla Milligan Second: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Board discussed five possible new members for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Barbie Kraig nominated John Ellsworth to finish out Terry Kinsworthy's position on the P&Z, for a term of one year.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to appoint John Ellsworth for a one year term on the P&Z.

Motion by: Frank Garrison Second: Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Frank Garrison nominated John Jackson to serve on the P&Z in a two year capacity. Mr. Jackson was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the Board regarding his qualifications. He is a retired pastor and lives in Shamrock Ridge. He served on a Planning Review Board for four years in Mesquite, Texas.

A motion was made to appoint John Jackson to serve two years on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion by: Frank Garrison Second: Todd Hutton

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Frank Garrison nominated Mark Graybill to serve on the P&Z.

Motion by: Frank Garrison Second: Brad Davis

Vote: 3 opposed, motion failed.

Frank Garrison nominated Don Wilson to serve on the P&Z.

Motion by: Frank Garrison Second: Brad Davis

Vote: 3 opposed, motion failed.

Brad Davis nominated Philip Thomas to continue to serve on the P&Z.

Motion by: Brad Davis Second: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Barbie Kraig nominated and made a motion to appoint Rob McAuley to serve on the P&Z for a two year term.

Motion by: Barbie Kraig Second: Carla Milligan

Vote: 4-1, motion carried.

Todd Hutton nominated and made a motion to appoint Gavin Hill to serve on the P&Z for a two year term.

Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

The 7 Planning & Zoning Commission Members are:

Allison Weaver Chairman

Steve Bolton complete existing term

John Ellsworth1 year termJohn Jackson2 year termRob McAuley2 year termGavin Hill2 year termPhilip Thomas2 year term

- 5. A motion was made to table the vote on a new three year lease agreement with Daedelus Corporation because we do not have the new lease. Current lease expires July 31, 2006. The monthly rent will increase \$50, for a monthly rental of \$500 for 521sf. At the end of two years, the Board can reconsider the third year.

 Motion by: Brad Davis to table Second: Carla Milligan Vote: All in favor, motion is carried and vote is tabled.
- 6. The Board considered nominating members to a Comprehensive Planning Committee. There will be six Board of Aldermen members on this committee, as well as the seven Planning & Zoning committee members, plus several citizens.

 Connie Goodwin nominated Larry Farthing
 Carla Milligan nominated Gina McCracken
 Earl Carter nominated Laura Chambers
 Frank Garrison nominated Greg Wheeler
 Todd Hutton nominated Wes Kucera
 Frank Garrison nominated Chad Davis

The first two meetings will be public hearings to receive the citizen's input for a Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made to hold the first public hearing before the next council meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The regular meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Barbie Kraig

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

- 7. Financial Reports of May 2006 were reviewed and approved.

 Motion by: Frank Garrison Second: Barbie Kraig

 Vote: All in favor, May 2006 financial reports approved.
- 8. Financial Reports of June, 2006 were reviewed and discussed. Motion by: Brad Davis Second: Frank Garrison Vote: All in favor, motion carried and financial reports are approved.

9. Motion made to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2006 Board meeting.

Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Barbie Kraig Vote: All in favor, except Brad Davis. Motion carried and

Minutes are approved.

VI. Discussion Items

- 1. <u>Sex Ordinance</u> Mr. Goodwin has had discussions with attorney regarding the limitations of our ordinance restricting sexual predators by distance and age requirement. The Board would like to review the ordinance passed by Duncanville.
- 2. Fall Festival Celebration for the Town. The Board suggested food and craft vendors, games for the children, with possible pony rides and bounce houses and refreshments. Possible site would be St. Martin's Catholic Church, Trinity Church, or the Exxon slab once it is poured. Frank Garrison suggested a committee be formed. Carla Milligan was appointed to chair the committee. Carla suggested asking the developers for donations to help with the costs. Talty needs to contact neighboring towns in order to avoid conflicting calendars. Todd Hutton requested that Mr. Goodwin check on the liability insurance. Possible date in late October on a Saturday.

3. Additional Space

The Town is growing and we are in need of expanding the office space. Currently the Town of Talty has four employees and is renting 521sf. It would be advantageous to increase office space to allow for a conference room, and to separate the office of the Court from the general town business. The Town Administrator needs to have an office allowing privacy for various meetings and conference calls. Privacy for the Town Administrator is vital to conduct business in a confidential manner which is a necessity but difficult to control. The Town Secretary has many contractors and builders coming in daily to take care of business. The Court Clerk also has many local people coming into the office daily. Court is held at the Kaufman Sub-Courthouse in Forney, which creates constant confusion for the violators and many show up at the wrong address or call the wrong municipality.

- 4. Chief of Police, Jason West, submitted a police report and it was read by Mayor Carter. The Board only wants two reserve officers riding with Chief West. The Board is not ready to incur the cost of a new police car at this time. The Board would like to meet and interview new prospective reserve officers before allowing them to represent the Town of Talty.
- 5. Changing Web provider. The Board suggested a service that would communicate directly with the Town Secretary and Town Administrator. The Town is currently paying \$19.95 monthly for web hosting. The Town has been approached by Todd Cave with Cave Consulting to assist with the web hosting, and implement specific items to project the Town in a favorable image. Cave Consulting specializes in assisting small town municipalities at a reasonable fee. The Board would like to see his presentation before October.

Aldermen updates:

- 1. A billboard sign has been erected at the corner of FM 1641 and FM148. Mr. Goodwin called the owner and notified him that the sign is not permitted and that he failed to come to the Board for prior approval. The State gave him a permit, but Mr. Ramsey must come to the Board for a permit and pay the appropriate fee.
- Motion to Adjourn at 9:55 p.m.
 Motion by Todd Hutton Second: Carla Milligan
 Vote: All in favor, motion carried and meeting is adjourned.

Dated:					
Sherry	Bagby,	Town	Secret	ary	