

TOWN OF TALTY
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2009

The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Trinity Family Church in Talty, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Carla Milligan.

- I. **A quorum was announced.** Aldermen present were: Mildred Brice, Larry Farthing, Frank Garrison, John Jackson, and Kevin Williams. Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary, were also present.
- II. John Jackson led the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. At the request of Carla, Kaufman County Commissioner Ray Clark addressed the board to discuss the new bridge and spine roads in Kaufman County. Mr. Clark encouraged everyone to email or write other county commissioners and judges to support this effort and please emphasized that you are not a Forney resident, but live in Kaufman County. These road and bridge developments do not take anything away from the citizens. It is funded by a developer's agreement with Hwy. 121. Mr. Clark stated that a Kaufman County Coalition Group will be formed consisting of 15 members. Every town over 5,000 people will have a representative, as well as two representatives of Tex Dot, and judges. The first roundtable discussion will be held on August 17, 2009. Mr. Clark suggested calling his secretary and requesting to be on the email list for update notices in the county.

Alderman Larry Farthing having a work obligation left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- IV. **Citizens Participation.** Kenneth Simpson signed in to speak to the Board requesting the culverts need to be cleaned out at FM 1641 and Douglas Circle.
- V. **Action Items:**

Carla requested that the board meet, listen to Mark Woodruff, but delay the discussion and action on Mark until further in the meeting. Mark submitted his resume as a potential Code Enforcement Officer for Talty. He lives and works in Rowlett. He has his certification and is a member of the Code Enforcement Network of Texas. The Board was given a copy of his resume for review. He stated to the board he believes code enforcement is not profit driven but compliance driven to protect the health and welfare of the citizens in the community.

Carla requested that the board meet Karen Jones. Karen submitted her resume to perform bookkeeping and payroll services for Talty, and is a Talty resident. Karen once served on the Board of Aldermen years ago. Ms. Jones, and her husband Hal Jones, CPA are both full-time employees of Kaufman County. Hal Jones who is Kaufman County's auditor has agreed to review the monthly financial statements for Talty, if Karen Jones is hired for the next fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2009. Karen will be available via her blackberry and email if there are any questions during the day.

1. **Discussion and consideration** of the board to implement a "simpler version" of Robert Rules of Order for small boards, purpose is to avoid confusion in our meetings. A copy of RRO was e-mailed to all board members prior to the meeting, by the Secretary.
A motion was made by Millie Brice to adopt a simpler version of Robert Rules of Order for small boards.
Seconded: John Jackson
Vote: 4-0; All in favor, motion carried.
2. **The Board reviewed the Minutes** of May 19, 2009.
A motion was made by Kevin Williams to approve the minutes as submitted.
Seconded: John Jackson
Vote: 3-0; Millie Brice abstained, motion carried.

3. **The Board reviewed the monthly financials** of May 2009.

A motion was made by John Jackson to approve the May 2009 financial reports.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

4. **Discussion and consideration** of Mark Woodruff , as prospective code enforcement officer. The board discussed and agreed Talty has a need for this service. Further information and research is need prior to filling a position as a code enforcement officer, Mr. Goodwin will do some research with our town attorney and look at the budget to assess when or how we can address this subject in the near future.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to table for further research.

Seconded by Millie Brice

Vote: 4-0, motion carried

5. **Discussion and consideration** of a new bookkeeping service. The Board reviewed two bids for bookkeeping and payroll services for Talty's fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2009; from Murrey & Co. and Karen Jones.

A motion was made by Kevin Williams to hire Karen Jones to prepare the monthly reports and payroll beginning with the fiscal year of October 1, 2009 and accept her monthly bid of \$300 for these services to include a one-time set- up fee of \$300.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

6. **Discussion and consideration** of the approval of action to fix Cleaver. Kaufman County's road foreman Paul Allen gave the board four options as how the Town of Talty could repair /fix Cleaver Lane. The budget would need to be amended and a notice posted for a public hearing, before funds are available to repair Cleaver Lane.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to table this item until the budget is amended hopefully by next meeting to release funds for the repair / fix of Cleaver Lane.

Seconded: Millie Brice

Vote: 4-0; motion carried to table this item.

7. **Discussion and consideration** of electing a new Mayor Pro Tem. Carla Milligan suggested John Jackson to be our new Mayor Pro Tem, he has many areas of expertise and would be available and willing to assist if the situation warrants.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to elect John Jackson as Mayor Pro Tem.

Seconded: Millie Brice

Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

V.

Discussion Items:

Report from Police Chief.

Police Chief Michael Hoskins addressed the Board and submitted his monthly report to Aldermen. Hoskins had received and responded to a total of 12 calls for service, issued a total of 49 citations. Hoskins also had an offense report of a theft in Winner's Circle and made 1 arrest.

Update on development.

Connie Goodwin did not have any new development to report.

Update on code enforcement.

Mayor Milligan asked Connie Goodwin to drive Talty and send out code enforcement letters for high grass to help bring compliance for violations. Mr. Goodwin sent 14 letters and had some success for compliance. Mr. Goodwin stated he was not comfortable tackling the juke vehicles violations. Carla stated hopefully once a code enforcement officer is hired he would handle junk vehicles the officer could also review our ordinances to make sure we are current with the laws.

Aldermen updates.

It was asked if a town party was being planned to meet new council members and other staff. Carla stated that in the spring of 2010 the Town of Talty would be 10 years old and she thought a town gathering would be the perfect time for such a community / town celebration. Carla stated she with the help of our town Secretary is currently working on a survey. This survey will be sent to all citizens of Talty, hopefully within the first three months of her taking office. The purpose of the survey is to get feedback on what Talty citizens would like to see in their town. Carla is also working on finding someone to update the web site, add more information, and making it more user friendly. John Jackson inquired as to the 2010 census. Connie Goodwin stated he has been working on this project and the numbers would not be published until 2011.

Future Agenda Items.

Frank Garrison asked about the subject of annexation. Mayor Milligan stated that annexation was not on the front burner at this time, there are other items we as a board need to get control of presently.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by John Jackson to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: 4-0; all in favor, meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor, Carla Milligan

Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby