

MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2008
TOWN OF TALTY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Todd W. Hutton, at the Family Trinity Church at FM1641 and Interstate 20 in Talty, Texas. A quorum was announced. Aldermen members present were Brad Davis, Frank Garrison, and Barbie Kraig. Larry Farthing and Carla Milligan were absent. Also present were Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adjourn regular meeting and open public hearing to hear the variance request from the developer from masonry fence to a wooden fence separating commercial property from residential property in the Layden Farms subdivision at FM1641. Tony Acost signed in to speak to Aldermen. He works for First Texas Homes, who is building residential homes in Layden Farms. He stated that wooden fences do not get maintained well and he wants the masonry fence requirement to remain. Mayor Hutton reiterated that Talty has strived to keep standards high and that First Texas Homes had been very cooperative when Talty asked them to change their third stall garages and to be in compliance with the masonry requirements on the second story of their homes.
- IV. No citizens wished to speak to the Board. The public hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting resumed.
- V. There was no citizen's participation.
- VI. Action Items:
 1. The Board discussed and considered the fence variance request for Layden Farms. The developer requested the variance from masonry to a wooden fence with metal post and caps because it would not be visible from the street since it was 650 feet from FM1641. He also mentioned it would save money. John Jackson, representative of the Planning & Zoning Commission, stated that it was their unanimous recommendation that this variance be denied. Mayor Hutton stated that it was also his recommendation to deny the variance and accept the P&Z's decision to continue to maintain our high standards.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to deny the fence variance

Seconded: Barbie Kraig

Vote: All in favor, motion carried and variance is denied.

2. The Board considered the approval of the replat for Layden Farms Subdivision for the relocation of an elementary school. Forney ISD requested that the school be moved forward 200 yards west from the original location near the corner of the property. Brad Davis suggested that this will open up to additional variance that will need to come before the Board. Mr. Goodwin stated that these variances will be considered at the second phase of the development. This approval is only for the new location of the school. Mr. Goodwin stated that this needs to be done to allow the correct legal description before the closing on the property. Mr. Nawar stated that the school wants to start building in March 2009.

A motion was made by Barbie Kraig to approve the new location of the elementary school.

Seconded: Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

8. {This item was out of order to accommodate police officer's schedule} Chief Jason West introduced Michael Sterrett, as a new reserve officer. Mr. Sterrett has been a police officer for 11 years with the Terrell and Cedar Hill Police Departments. He has done patrol and detective work and was a gang officer. He is currently employed with L&S Homes doing remodeling work. Mr. Sterrett stated that he is very flexible and would be able to various shifts.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve Michael Sterrett as a new reserve police officer.

Seconded: Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 11, 2008.

A motion was made by Brad Davis to approve the minutes as submitted.

Seconded: Barbie Kraig

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Board reviewed the financial statement of January 2008.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the financials of January 2008.

Seconded: Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

5. The Board discussed the Town's bank accounts in Terrell. Mr. Goodwin stated that it is inconvenient to bank in Terrell when so many banks are in Forney. He would like to advertise for depository services with local Forney banks. Mr. Goodwin anticipates the ad will generate inquiries about services to offer Talty.

A motion was made by Brad Davis to allow Mr. Goodwin to place an ad in the Forney Messenger to advertise for depository services in Forney.

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

6. The Board discussed Lost Creek Subdivision's potential flooding problems. Mr. Goodwin stated that the homeowners of Lost Creek Subdivision went to the developer, Daedelus Corporation, to get some relief from the possible flooding problems, to no avail. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would like the Board to authorize him to speak with the Town's attorney and engineers to determine who is responsible. Mr. Goodwin has talked to Kaufman County to see if they could do tractor work @ \$50 per hour. It is estimated that it would take 20 hours totaling \$1,000. The street bond has expired.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to pursue conversations with Town's attorney for legal advice and with PBS&J.

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

7. The Board discussed entering into a contract with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on the Court's warrants for Failures to Appear ("FTAs") to be enforced when license plates are renewed, instead of waiting until the driver's license is renewed, which is less frequent. The ordinance may need to be redone.

A motion was made by Brad Davis to enter into an agreement with TxDOT to process FTAs for the Talty Court.

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

VII. Discussion Items:

1. The Board reviewed the monthly police report prepared by Chief West. Mayor Hutton suggested keeping the 2001 Crown Victoria police car in service. The car needs an intake manifold replaced; new battery; and new back tires.
2. Updates on development in Talty. Mr. Goodwin stated that Mike Tatari might start his business strip at FM1641 and I-20 soon.
3. Aldermen Updates. Mr. Goodwin stated that he hoped to present some ideas about moving Town Hall to Tatari's development at the next meeting.

Brad Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Barbie Kraig

Vote: All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved: _____

Mayor, Todd W. Hutton

Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary