

TOWN OF TALTY
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009

The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Trinity Family Church in Talty, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Todd W. Hutton.

- I. A quorum was announced. Aldermen present were: Larry Farthing, Frank Garrison, John Jackson, Carla Milligan, and Kevin Williams. Mr. Connie Goodwin, town administrator and Sherry Bagby, town secretary, were also present.
- II. Mayor Hutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Citizens Participation. No one signed in to speak to the Board.

IV. Action Items:

- 1. The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 17, 2009. Carla Milligan requested deletion of the sentence “Ms Milligan was without comment” reflecting her lack of comment related to Agenda Item IV.2.
A motion was made by John Jackson to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2009, after the deletion of “Ms Milligan was without comment” on page two. Mayor Hutton reminded the Board that when an item is placed on an agenda at the request of an Alderman, that Alderman must be ready to present such item to the Board and not simply sit silent on a sponsored agenda item.
Seconded: Carla Milligan
Vote: 5-0; all in favor, motion carried.
- 2. The Board reviewed the March 2009 financial report. Mayor Hutton warned Carla Milligan to stop and refrain from further whispering during the deliberation of public matters at the Town’s open meetings. Neither the citizens in attendance nor the remaining members of the Board could hear what she was saying as required by Texas law. Ms. Milligan stated: “get over yourself.”
A motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the March 2009 financials.
Seconded: John Jackson
Vote: 4-1; Carla Milligan opposed, motion carried.

V. Discussion Items:

- 1. Connie Goodwin stated that he has met with potential buyers to purchase 12 acres on CR 213 for a church. They would consider the existing home for the church office and eventually build behind it. They would still be required to come before the council and request any necessary zoning change.

Mayor Hutton stated that the negotiations with Mike Tatari to purchase land for the new town hall remains inactive as the difference between the budgeted purchase price and the asking price has not changed.

Gallery Custom Homes is finishing up in Layden Farms. They had originally purchased ten lots, and have sold all but two.

2. COPS Grant is part of the stimulus package to fund police officers. Chief Hoskins has applied for this grant for a paid position to have a full time police officer for three years, and the Town would be responsible for the fourth year salary. Mayor Hutton explained that there has been no commitment made, and the Board would have to accept any grant offered. Mayor Hutton further explained that, if granted and accepted, the plan might be for Talty to put aside one-third of the salary each year for 3 years so that during the fourth year the money would already be on hand to cover any salary obligations. Mr. Goodwin stated that Chief Hoskins did an excellent job applying for the grant and completing the application. The U.S. Government will give an answer by September 30, 2009.

3. Report from Police Chief Michael Hoskins. A report was distributed to the Aldermen members and discussed.

VI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Larry Farthing to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: 5-0; all in favor, meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved: _____

Mayor, Todd W. Hutton

Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby