

MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2008
TOWN OF TALTY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

I. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Todd W. Hutton at the Trinity Family Church, and a quorum was announced. Aldermen members present: Frank Garrison, Larry Farthing, John Jackson, Carla Milligan, and Kevin Williams. Also present were Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.

II. Mayor Hutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Mayor Hutton adjourned the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the following: Variance for a six (6) foot fence around perimeter of Layden Farms.

Mike Nawar, the developer of Layden Farms, addressed the Board. He stated that a fence surrounding the perimeter of Layden Farms would give the development conformity. He stated that a 6' cedar wood fence would be installed if the variance is approved tonight. The fence would be located on the property line of each home. Sam Dincom, who lives in Shamrock, addressed the Board. He wanted to know if he would have to move his existing fence because it is located on his property line. Mr. Nawar stated no. Lynn Eddleman, who lives in Shamrock, addressed the Board. She stated that it was an integrity issue. She does not want a wooden fence and would desire brick columns with iron. Steve Daniel, who lives in Shamrock, stated that he was against a wooden fence. He stated that a wooden fence is difficult to maintain with the high winds.

IV. Mayor Hutton adjourned the public hearing, and reopened the regular meeting.

V. Citizens Participation

David Chang addressed the Board. He introduced himself and stated that he lives in Balch Springs, and is retired from the Army. Mr. Chang is scouting for a possible site for Mr. Gordon to purchase acreage to build a School of Music, (similar to a college campus) and an auditorium. Mr. Chang will be in touch to request being on the agenda at a later time for the Board to meet Mr. Gordon and hear his proposal for Talty.

VI. Action Items

1. Variance for a six (6) foot fence perimeter for Layden Farms. Gavin Hill stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends denying Mr.

Nawar's request for a fence variance. He would like the Board to review the ordinances to determine what screening is required between two residential properties. Mayor Hutton agreed with Mr. Hill and recommended that the Board deny this request. A Motion was made by Larry Farthing to deny the variance for a six foot fence around the perimeter of Layden Farms.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

2. The Board considered the appointment of members to the Planning & Zoning Commission for two year terms. Three positions expire in summer of 2009, and 4 positions are expiring now. Gavin Hill has indicated that he would like to remain on the P&Z; and Rodney Cottrell indicated that he would like to move up from alternate to the commission. John Jackson's position has been vacant because he is now serving on the Board of Aldermen. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to appoint the following for two year terms: Gavin Hill, Wes Kucera, Rodney Cottrell and Philip Thomas.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

Frank Garrison stated that he would like to introduce John Tarpley as an alternate to the P&Z. Mr. Tarpley stated that he was interested in serving in this capacity for Talty. A motion was made by Frank Garrison to nominate John Tarpley and Brad Davis as alternates to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

3. The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 10, 2008. There was some discrepancy as to the accuracy of paragraph VII. 2. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to table the vote on these minutes.

Seconded: Larry Farthing

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 26, 2008. A Motion was made by Carla Milligan to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2008.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

The Board reviewed the Minutes of July 21, 2008.

A Motion was made by John Jackson to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2008.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

4. The Board reviewed the financial statements prepared by Murrey & Company for April, 2008, May, 2008 and June 2008. After discussion, a

Motion was made by John Jackson to approve all financial statements for April, May and June 2008.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: 4-1 with Carla Milligan opposing, motion carried

5. The Board considered the possibility of building a town hall and discussed locations, size and cost. A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to pursue the actions necessary to initiate the project, and incurring advertising and necessary legal fees.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Kathy Morris, (this item was taken out of order to accommodate Ms. Morris) Kaufman County Emergency Management Coordinator introduced herself. She had met previously spoken with Frank Garrison regarding a plan for Talty in case a disaster strikes. She proposed a "CERT" "Citizens Emergency Response Team" comprised of volunteers in the community to be trained in emergency situations, tornados, health risk, search and rescue, first aid, lost children, or other situations which involve any immediate dangerous situation. Frank Garrison suggested Talty Baptist Church be the designated emergency site. Ms. Morris offered a disc to review with a booklet from Home Land Security on preparing for disasters. There is grant money available to purchase kits for CERT. Mayor Hutton reminded the Board that money for Hometown Security had already been budgeted.

2. There are no updates on developments in Talty to report at this time.

3. Adlermen Upates. Mayor Hutton asked if the board would like to schedule a budget workshop. It was decided that a budget workshop would be scheduled at Town Hall on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. A Motion was made by John Jackson to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Larry Farthing

Vote: All in favor, unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:18 p.m.

Approved: _____

Mayor Todd W. Hutton

Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby