

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2008 TOWN OF TALTY

The Town of Talty held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 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: Frank Garrison, John Jackson, Carla Milligan, and Kevin Williams. Mr. Connie Goodwin, town administrator and Sherry Bagby, town secretary, were also present. Larry Farthing was absent.
- II. Mayor Hutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Mayor Hutton adjourned the regular meeting and entered into public hearing on the request of St. Martin's Catholic Church for a variance on a metal building from a brick building. Mayor Hutton asked for the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation. On behalf of the P&Z, Chairman Gavin Hill stated that the P&Z unanimously had no objection to the metal building on the church's existing site. There was no opposition from any citizens regarding the variance request. Sharon Culver, as a representative of the pastoral council chairperson, addressed the Board. She stated that this was a temporary solution to the growth the church is experiencing. The church purchased 28 acres on FM 2932 and plans to build at their new location within 3-5 years. The variance request is for a multi-purpose building to be situated along side the existing educational building, known as Morrison Hall. The set-backs are not yet defined, but they will be substantial to allow parking in the front. The parking will be gravel, like they have now. The proposed building will be 12' in height, 50x100 in size. There will be restrooms, storage and kitchen facilities.
- IV. The public hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting was resumed.
- V. Citizen's Participation. Millie Brice addressed the Board about the new town hall.
- VI. Action Items:
 1. The Board discussed the request from St. Martin's Catholic Church for a variance on a metal building instead of a brick structure. There were no objections from the Board for the variance. John Jackson would like to see a site plan and floor plan before construction begins. Chris Zmolik, a builder in the area, addressed the Board and stated that they wanted the variance approved before any plans were drawn or any money spent.

Sharon Culver stated that the plans must go before the Catholic Diocese before any construction is commenced.

A motion was made by John Jackson to approve St. Martin's Catholic Church request for a variance to build a metal building on their existing site, subject to the Board reviewing the site plan and floor plan of the building.

Seconded: Carla Milligan

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

2. The Board considered changing the date of the regular monthly board meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month beginning November 18, 2008. The Planning & Zoning Commission would also move their meetings to the third Tuesday of the month.

A motion was made by Carla Milligan to move the regular meetings to the third Tuesday of the month beginning in November.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

3. The Board reviewed the Minutes of September 23, 2008.

A motion was made by Carla Milligan to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2008 as submitted.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Board considered the appointment of the P&Z Commission. The P&Z consist of 7 members, 2 alternates, for a total of 9 members.

A motion was made by Carla Milligan to appoint Brad Davis from an alternate to a member of the P&Z.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by John Jackson to appoint Charlie Webb from member to alternate of the P&Z Commission.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

5. The Board considered the purchase of land for a new town hall. The Board also wanted to discuss finance issues. The Mayor stated that agenda items 5 & 6 overlapped.

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to table this item.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

6. The Board discussed financial options to build a new town hall.
Mr. Goodwin stated that he has spoken with City Bank about buying the notes. There would be no tax levied against the citizens to buy land or build a town hall. The Board was in agreement that taxes would not be imposed on the citizens to build.
A motion was made by John Jackson to purchase the site beside Trinity Family Church, but delay the building until after the first of the year.
Seconded: Frank Garrison
Vote: 2-2; Mayor Hutton was concerned that, because the offered sales price exceeded the current budget line item for land purchase, it would be necessary to amend the budget before the sales offer could be accepted assuming the purchase would be funded from cash on hand; therefore the motion failed.
A second motion was made by Frank Garrison to table this item pending resolution of budgetary matters.
Seconded: John Jackson
Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Executive Session – none.

VIII. Reopen regular session and take any necessary action from executive session – none.

IX. Discussion Items:

1. Mike Tatari is delaying the strip center beside the Sonic until the economy improves.
2. New Police Chief Mike Hoskins addressed the Board to give a verbal report of the activities for the first week. He wrote 17 citations in one week. He has scheduled an evidence auditor tomorrow for the police department to audit items seized during Jason West's tenure. He has also requested to install a light bar on the 2007 Dodge Charger for safety reasons. He has received three bids and he estimates it will cost approximately \$1,900.00 for parts and installation.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Frank Garrison to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Carla Milligan

Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved: _____

Mayor, Todd W. Hutton

Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby