

**TOWN OF TALTY  
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2009**

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The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 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: Millie Brice, Frank Garrison, John Jackson, and Kevin Williams. Larry Farthing was absent. Also present were Connie Goodwin, town administrator and Sherry Bagby, town secretary.
- II. John Jackson led the invocation and Frank Garrison led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Carla Milligan opened the public hearing, concerning the amendments to the budget.
- IV. No one wished to speak; therefore the public hearing was closed.
- V. **Citizen's Participation.** Fred Sherman signed in to speak to the board. Fred expressed his concern that in his neighborhood most of the accessory buildings are sheet metal and not constructed of brick. He suggested that his neighborhood needs a variance from the 80% brick ordinance (2007-011). Mr. Sherman stated that a brick accessory building is not normal in his area.

**VI. Action Items:**

1. The Board discussed amending the current budget of 2008-2009 as follows:

Reduce homeland security expense	- \$ 1,000
Reduce building inspection fees	- \$ 1,000
Add code enforcement expense	+ \$ 2,000

Reduce capital outlay expense	- \$ 25,000
Add to road repair expense	+ \$ 25,000

A motion was made by Millie Brice to accept the amendments to the current 2008-2009 budget.

Second: John Jackson

Vote: 4-0; motion carried

2. The Board discussed having a part-time code enforcement officer.

A motion was made by John Jackson to hire Mark Woodruff to fulfill the duties of a code enforcement officer hiring him as contract labor, at \$19 per hour, at a maximum of twenty (20) hours per month.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

3. The Board considered the proposal by Kaufman County to repair Cleaver Lane. The bid was based on 3500' and included the cul- de- sac for \$24,000. A motion was made by Frank Garrison to repair Cleaver Lane for \$24,000.  
Seconded: Kevin Williams  
Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

4. The board reviewed the Minutes of June 16, 2009. A motion was made by John Jackson to approve the minutes as submitted.  
Seconded: Millie Brice  
Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

5. The Board reviewed the Financials of June, 2009 prepared by Murrey & Co. A motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the financials as submitted.  
Seconded: Kevin Williams  
Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

## **VII. Discussion Items**

1. Chief Hoskins gave his monthly report, he has written 37 citations. Chief Hoskins informed the board of the accident he had in the Dodge Charger on July 6, 2009, where he turned into a post in the parking lot near the office, causing damage to the bumper. Chief Hoskins stated the pros and cons of maintaining the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria. He stated it was a good idea to keep the Ford as a back- up even though it has 160,000 miles on the car. Chief Hoskins stated the decal is peeling off the Ford but it would be expensive to fix because the paint is also chipping.

2. Millie Brice completed an online training by TML on "Positioning Your Recruiting the Retail Development" on June 24, 2009, at the request of Carla Milligan. Millie stated that the Town needs retail to bring in revenue in order to grow or the town will die. She suggested that maybe the town might want to offer some incentives to help Mike Tatari lease his property when he gets it built in order to draw prospective tenants.

3. Millie Brice distributed a hand-out on information from TX DOT regarding the cross-walk for St. Martin's Catholic Church. She spoke with Mr. Johnson, maintenance supervisor, who offered to come out and help place the signs in the correct location. Mr. Goodwin will speak with Mr. Johnson and get them installed. The Board also suggested a representative of the church be there when the signs are being installed. Mr. Goodwin will be in contact with the church.

4. Updates on development in Talty. Connie Goodwin stated that Red Whaley came into the office to discuss zoning and uses for his property in Talty, near 1641 and CR215. Three acres of his property is already zoned industrial. Mr. Whaley would like to put metal units in this area.

5. The Board discussed the possibility of amending Ordinance 2007-011 requiring all portable accessory buildings to be 80% masonry brick. Carla Milligan asked the board to read

the ordinance at their convenience and this subject would be on the agenda for next month's board meeting. Connie stated, two years ago when Talty adopted the Comprehensive Plan, it adopted 80% masonry for accessory buildings. The Board needs to consider if they want to allow these metal buildings or kits purchased from the big box stores. The HOA's of most neighborhoods control these requirements.

6. The Board discussed the procedures needed in place to annex any adjoining land to Talty. Frank Garrison distributed information he received from Scott Houston with TML. Frank stated that only three voters need to sign a paper desiring to be annexed, then 51% of registered voters must sign a petition, and that petition would need to be submitted to the mayor. There would need to be two public hearings with the council, there- after would be a board vote to annex. It was stated that homeowners have expressed a desire to be annexed into Talty, in Shamrock Ridge and in Winner's Circle.

7. A draft of the 2009-2010 budget was distributed for the board members to study. A budget workshop date was discussed for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2009 through Sept., 2010. John Jackson offered his home for the workshop. A date was set for Saturday, August 8, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

8. Mayor Milligan stated that she wanted the board to be aware that last Tuesday she found that two town employees had been receiving benefit pay for 5 holidays, per year since November of 2007. Milligan stated, the town has two salary employees, Mr. Goodwin as Town Administrator, and Mike Hoskins as Chief of Police had been made a salary employee. The two hourly employees are, Mitzi Wilson as Court Clerk, and Sherry Bagby as Town Secretary. Milligan stated she did not want discussion on this subject she just wanted the board to know what she had found.

9. For any item you would like to see on the agenda, please call Connie Goodwin to make a request and Connie would forward the request to the Mayor.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

After no further business, a motion was made by Frank Garrison to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: 4-0; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Mayor, Carla Milligan

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Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby