

**TOWN OF TALTY
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2011**

The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Trinity Family Church in Talty, Texas.

- I. Mayor Larry Farthing called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and announced a quorum. Aldermen present were: Mildred Brice, Brad Davis, Frank Garrison, John Jackson and Kevin Williams. Also present were Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.
- II. John Jackson said the invocation. Frank Garrison led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Mayor Farthing opened the public hearing on the application for a variance for a metal accessory building at 9150 CR 216. Gavin Hill, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended allowing the variance for a metal accessory building. The homeowner has other existing metal building on his five acres. All homeowners were notified within 500' and no complaints or inquiries were received.
- IV. Mayor Farthing closed the public hearing.
- V. No one wished to address the Board.
 - There were four citizens in attendance.
 - County Commissioner Ray Clark and wife, Susan, were in attendance.

VI. **Action Items:**

1. The Board discussed the variance request for a metal accessory building at 9150 CR 216.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the variance request.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

2. The Board discussed hiring the firm of Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. Mr. Connie Goodwin recommended that Talty contract with Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. Talty has a long standing relationship with Scott Hutchins, PE. Brad Davis requested that all drawings from PBS&J be sent to Brown & Gay.

A Motion was made by John Jackson to approve the contract with Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc. to be the engineers of record for Talty.

Seconded: Mildred Brice

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

3. The Board reviewed the Minutes of June 23, 2011.

A Motion was made by Mildred Brice to approve the Minutes as submitted.

Seconded: John Jackson
Vote: 4-1; Brad Davis abstained. Motion carried.

4. The Board discussed the June 2011 Financial Report prepared by Murrey & Co.

A Motion was made by Mildred Brice to approve the June 2011 Financial Report as submitted.

Seconded: Frank Garrison
Vote: 4-1; Brad Davis abstained. Motion carried.

5. The Board discussed the need to contact financial advisors for possible financing to pay Talty's share of a joint project with the City of Forney and Kaufman County to improve and widen FM 1641 through Talty to I-20. Mr. Goodwin has contacted land developers for possible contributions to defray the cost to Talty.

A Motion was made by Brad Davis to allow a representative of Talty to contact financial advisors to arrange for possible financing of the FM1641 road improvement through Talty.

Seconded: Kevin Williams
Vote: 5-0; Motion carried

VII. Discussion Items

1. The Board discussed any new possible names for CR 213, 214 and 215, streets that are in Talty's town limits. This will be an action item for August.
2. The Board discussed any new information for means to alert citizens in the event of an emergency (sirens/text or phone calls). A trade show on this topic will be held in Dallas in the fall and hopefully some board members will be able to attend. A date will be announced when it is known.
3. The Board discussed the annexation of property, Phase 8 in Shamrock. The citizens would benefit by police coverage, their right to vote in elections, no cost for fire protection, and no property tax. Talty would benefit from increased size to fill in the gaps of our ETJ and to become a home ruled city once the population reaches 5,000.
4. Mr. Goodwin gave an update on locations of a new town hall being located in the town limits. Mayor Farthing emphasized that the town hall needs to be located within the town limits. The search continues.
5. A written report was distributed by the Town Administrator Goodwin. A possible date in August and location for a budget workshop was discussed. Mr. Goodwin stated that sales tax revenue is down due to the extensive construction going on around Talty.

6. A written report was distributed by the Code Enforcement Fernandez.
7. A written report was distributed by the Police Chief Hoskins. Chief requested the Board consider buying another police vehicle. Chief Hoskins stated that he may have another reserve office to introduce once the background check has been completed.
8. A future agenda item for action will be the renaming of streets.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Larry Farthing

Town Secretary: Sherry Bagby