

**TOWN OF TALTY  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

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The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at the Trinity Family Church in Talty, Texas.

- I. Mayor Carla Milligan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and announced a quorum. Aldermen present were: Mildred Brice, Larry Farthing, Frank Garrison, John Jackson, and Kevin Williams. Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary, were also present.
- II. John Jackson said the invocation. Frank Garrison led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.
  - Four citizens were in attendance.
- IV. **Action Items:**
  1. The Board reviewed the Minutes of January 18, 2011.  
A Motion was made by John Jackson to approve the January 18, 2011 Minutes as submitted.  
Seconded: Frank Garrison  
Vote: 4-1; Larry Farthing abstained, Motion carried.
  2. The Board reviewed and discussed the January 2011 Financial Report prepared by Murrey & Company.  
A Motion was made by Millie Brice to approve the January 2011 Financial Report as submitted.  
Seconded: Larry Farthing  
Vote: 5-0: Motion carried.
  3. The Board discussed the Ordinance calling for an election to form a Municipal Development District ("MDD") and providing for an increase of ½ of 1% sales tax to fund the district. This would require citizens in Talty's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction ("ETJ") to pay sales tax on home based businesses. The need for a town hall meeting was discussed to inform the public, and a letter to all registered voters in Talty. Talty would receive ¼ of 1% from sales tax and ¼ of 1% from the road maintenance fund. Currently the citizens in the ETJ are paying 6.25% sales tax, and it would increase their sales tax rate to 6.75%, while Talty citizens are already paying 8.0%. The maximum rate of 8.25% sales tax is allowed by law.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the ordinance calling for an election to form a MDD and to increase the sales tax to provide a ½% sales tax to fund the district; ¼ of 1% from the road maintenance fund and ¼ of 1% sales tax increase.

Seconded: Larry Farthing

Vote: 3-2; Kevin Williams and Mille Brice against. Motion carried.

4. The Board discussed and considered an Ordinance calling for an election on May 14, 2011, of the mayor, and two aldermen, and to renew only the sales tax ¼ of 1%. A Motion was made by Larry Farthing to approve the ordinance calling for an election on May 14, 2011 of the mayor, and two aldermen positions open, as well as calling for an election to increase the sales tax ¼ of 1% for road maintenance.

Seconded: John Jackson

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

5. The Board discussed hiring Kaufman County to conduct the election for Talty on May 14, 2011.

A Motion was made by John Jackson to approve Kaufman County's contract to conduct Talty's election on May 14, 2011.

Seconded: Millie Brice

Vote: 5-0; Motion carried.

6. The Board discussed revising the Town's Personnel Policy, created in July 2010. A table of contents was added and a few items clarified.

The Board will follow Forney Independent School District's notice of school closings during inclement weather.

A Motion was made by John Jackson to approve the recommendations suggested to the Personnel Policy and for later review by the Board once specific language is incorporated.

Seconded: Millie Brice

Vote: 5-0; Motion carried.

V. **Discussion items:**

1. Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, distributed his report for review and discussion.
2. Chief Mike Hoskins' report was distributed for review and discussion.
3. Code Enforcement Officer, Gilbert Fernandez' report was distributed.
4. There were no requests for future agenda items.

VI. After no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Mayor Carla Milligan

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Town Secretary: Sherry Bagby