

MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2002

Board of Aldermen

Town of Talty

I. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum

Mayor Allison Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. All Board members were present.

II. Citizen Participation – citizens are invited to address the Board of Aldermen. Please sign in upon arrival at the meeting.

The following citizens addressed the Board:

- Sandy Erwin – regarding a sign to notify citizens of meetings. Fast Signs cost for 24 X36 sign \$125 and 18X24 sign \$72.

III. Action Items:

a. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem - Local Govt. Code Sec. 23.027(b)

Discussion: None

Motion: Brad Davis to serve as Mayor pro-tem because he was the Alderman with the highest votes.

Made by: JoAnn McKethan

2nd by: Ginny Carter

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

b. Approval for Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to sign checks on behalf of the Town

Discussion:

Previously, signing authority limited to budgeted items up to \$1,000 w/o Board approval and all unbudgeted items must be approved.

Motion: Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are authorized to sign checks with the limits of \$2,000 for budgeted and \$150 for unbudgeted expenses.

Made by: Beth Heathington

2nd by: Jeremy Benton

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

c. Appointment of Planning, Zoning and Ordinance Committee replacement (s)

Discussion:

Two members have resigned: Don Cowan & Eddie LaCrone. We were over by one member. There should only be 7 members. We will replace only one member.

Allison recommended Don Wilson.

Motion: Appoint Don Wilson to Planning, Zoning and Ordinance Committee.

Made by: Brad Davis

2nd by: Beth Heathington

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

IV. Discussion Items:

a. Update on Exxon Septic Issue

Received copy of Deed of Trust. Discussed limitation imposed regarding setback of the septic discharge (388 feet back from FM1641).

Review proposed change/map. Only 3.17 acres available for septic.

Contacted Town Engineer, Clarence Doherty. Has not seen plans from Mr. Tatari's engineer and as a result, cannot provide feedback on sufficiency of four acres for septic system.

Met with Mr. Tatari. Requested that his engineer provide a plan for the septic to our engineer so that we can assess the sufficiency of the proposed zoning change.

b. Town Marshal – vacant position

Refer to email from SOS. We need to fill the Marshal position. Prior to making a recommendation for appointment, Allison requested time to pursue other options, such as an interlocal agreement with Forney or the County. Allison will place on the agenda for action at the June 11 meeting.

c. Municipal Judge – vacant position

Received resignation from Ken Blocker. Allison will contact Patricia Ashcroft, judge for Forney to see if we could utilize her services. May also pursue circuit judge. Concerned about our ability to support the training required for the judge position. Until a replacement is named, the Mayor serves as the Municipal Judge. Allison will place on the agenda for action at the June 11 meeting.

d. Town Secretary – potential vacancy

Jason Kavenaugh has advised that he is looking for another position (more money). He will give us two weeks notice prior to his departure. We need to identify potential replacements.

e. Road Conditions of County Road 213 and Cleaver Lane

Error made on posting – should be County Road 215. We have received a complaint about potholes and road conditions in general for County Rd 215 and Cleaver Lane. Cleaver Lane is in the Town however, we are only

responsible for half of CR215. Jason Kavenaugh volunteered to pursue this item. Not sure if Cleaver Lane is a private road.

Jason will check to see if Town is responsible for Cleaver Lane. He will also see if we have received building permit fees on the homes on Cleaver Lane.

f. Development in and around Talty:

i. Jay Webb

Received preliminary plat and feedback from the Town's engineer. Will need to hold public hearing due to variances. Discussed email from Town's engineer and reviewed plat map.

ii. Red Whaley

Mr. Whaley has purchased land south of Winners Circle and Quail Creek Bend within the town limits. He plans to develop residential and commercial. Will be approximately 4 months before he is ready with a preliminary plat.

Citizen Robert Davis has volunteered to contact the TX DOT regarding a red light at FM 1641 and FM 148/CR 215 because of the additional traffic resulting from this development.

iii. Winners Circle

The engineer for Red Whaley is also the engineer for the next phase of Winners Circle. (Eric Davis) He said that he would prepare the plat for this next phase of approximately 80 acres.

iv. Windmill Farms Sewage Treatment Plant

Distributed copy of TNRCC notice for application for the sewage treatment plant. Initially thought it was in the Town's ETJ. It is not. This is just an informational update in the event the Board is asked questions by the citizens.

g. Update on Post Office Inquiries

Have had many discussions related to postal service stemming from a prior Board meeting. There are a few concerns about our current postal service environment:

- Talty does not have an identity. Our mail is delivered to Forney and Terrell.
- Talty is losing sales tax revenue. Taxes paid on cell and pager bills as well as any mail order sales are being collected but given to Forney and/or Terrell because it is based on our mailing

address.

- Citizens are inconvenienced by having to go to Terrell to pick up mail/packages. Forney is much more convenient.

Allison has requested assistance from Jim Carter who is retired from the Postal Service and is a resident in Talty. Allison has also placed a call to Congressman Ralph Hall.

h. Future Agenda Items

- Public Hearing – Jay Webb Plat
- Public Hearing – Zoning for Shamrock Ridge Phase 6

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a. May 7, 2002

Discussion: None

Motion: To accept May 7, 2002 minutes as read.

Made by: JoAnn McKethan **2nd by:** Brad Davis

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

b. May 14, 2002

Discussion: Changes to reference to CR213 to CR215 under item III.e. and III.f. ii.

Motion: To accept May 14, 2002 minutes with changes noted.

Made by: Brad Davis **2nd by:** Beth Heathington

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

VI. Adjourn

Discussion: None.

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by: Jeremy Benton **2nd by:** Ginny Carter

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____
Allison Weaver, Mayor

On: **May 14, 2002**