MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2006
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF TALTY

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on March 14, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Family Church in Talty, Texas. In attendance were Donna Avery, Mayor Earl Carter, Mark Graybill, Todd Hutton, Carla Milligan, and Connie Goodwin. Aldermen member absent was Brad Davis. Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carter and a Quorum announced.

III. The Minutes of February 14, 2006 were read and approved as submitted.
Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Carla Milligan

IV. The January, 2006 Financial Reports were reviewed and approved as submitted.
Motion by: Donna Avery Second: Todd Hutton

V. Officer Jason West reported on police activity in Talty.

VI. The Board considered and took action to purchase Quickbooks Payroll software at the suggestion of Mr. Gary Murrey, C.P.A. with Murrey & Co., P.C. for ease of filing the quarterly tax reports required by the State of Texas, and for ease of processing payroll.
Motion to purchase QuickBooks Payroll software at a price not to exceed $190.00.
Motion by: Mark Graybill Second: Todd Hutton
Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Discussion to review the trash ordinance regarding trash pickup.
The advantage to Talty and the homeowner to contract with only one trash carrier:
(1) The monthly price would decrease and it would be an economic advantage, although slight;
(2) The franchise fee would be collected in the same manner, but it would ease accounting records;
(3) Having only one trash carrier would aid in the accountability of the carrier when accidents occur (mailbox hit, trash left, etc.);
(4) One carrier would decrease the amount of large trucks on the roads, which would decrease road maintenance.
(5) One service would provide better service in fear of losing the contract.
(6) The Town could request recycling, along with the trash pick-up .

Most carriers would bill individual homeowners and Talty would not be responsible for payments to the trash carrier. Dick Demien, from IESI, addressed the Board and said if the Board decides to go with one carrier, he would like to have his company submit a bid. Mr. Goodwin stated that there were about 450 households in Talty. He said this contract would exclude the roll-offs for the builders. Mr. Chuck Eller, a homeowner in Winner's Circle, stated that by having only one trash carrier, it would penalize the homeowners in Phase I in the city limits of Talty, because some of Winner's Circle home are located in the ETJ and would not be required to adhere to the ordinance. Mayor Carter requested a price list from IESI. Mr. Goodwin stated that a standardized bid package would be sent to the four carriers in our area so that the bids would be comparable. Mr. Goodwin stated that he does not know of any complaints or concerns with the trash pickup from a public safety standpoint. Mark Graybill suggested that a letter be sent to the homeowners asking if they would like to have only one service.
No motion was made and no action taken since this was a discussion item only.

VIII. The Board considered requiring sub-contractors to register with the Town annually. This would include plumbers, electricians, air conditioning and heating, irrigators, food service vendors, pool contractors, etc. This ordinance would help the Town regulate the quality of construction, and would bring minimal income to the Town. The annual fee would be $100 for January through May, and would be reduced to $50 for June through December. These fees would not be prorated monthly.
Motion made to implement annual fees for sub-contractors to register with the Town of Talty.
Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Carla Milligan
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. The Board considered increasing the building permit fees by $1.00 per $1,000. The $6.00 per $1,000 has been in effect since 1999, and we are the lowest in the area per Connie Goodwin. This will increase our fee to $7.00 per $1,000.

X. Motion made to increase the building permit fees to $7.00 per $1,000.
Motion by: Carla Milligan Second: Donna Avery
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XI. The Board considered appointing a replacement member to the Planning & Zoning Board.
Motion to table this discussion and take no action at this time until the Board has time to consult with possible candidates.

Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Mark Graybill
Vote: All in favor. Item tabled until April 11, 2006 meeting.

XII. The Board considered changing Officer Jason West's title to Chief of Police. This will allows Officer West to attend a summer seminar for "free" instead of paying of $700, because A Chief of Police is covered by a grant.
Motion to change Officer Jason West's title to Chief of Police, and waive a probationary period of three months since he has been employed by the Town of Talty since December 30, 2005.
Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Carla Milligan
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XIII. The Board considered implementing a reserve Police Officer program. Mr. Goodwin stated that it would benefit the Town to have another officer ride with West. There is no salary involved. The Town will provide a uniform and badge to the reserve officer. The State of Texas requires a reserve officer to have 16 monthly hours to keep his license. Our insurance will cover them (insurance is $700 a year). Officer West recommends Greg Papp, who has ten years experience as a police officer.
Motion to implement a Reserve Police Officer Program.
Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Mark Graybill
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XIV. The Board discussed an Inter-local agreement with Kaufman County for animal control, which is very necessary due to the volume of calls received. No expense is involved to the Town of Talty.
Motion to enter into an inter-local agreement with Kaufman County for animal control.
Motion by: Carla Milligan Second: Todd Hutton
Vote: all in favor, except Mark Graybill. Motion carried.

XV. The Board discussed a comprehensive plan. Mr. Goodwin reported on his three meetings (a) University of Texas @ Dallas; (2) Alba & Minnela; and (3) Septco. All three agreed to spread their invoice over two budget years. The Board of Aldermen, Planning & Zoning Board, and the citizens will be involved in the public hearings. The Board of Aldermen never officially approved a thoroughfare plan, nor did they decide on how much money to spend. Mayor Carter recommended getting written proposals. Mark Graybill suggested that the Board inventory land currently available, and to hold workshops regarding the plan. Mr. Goodwin emphasized that the Board should not try to do the comprehensive plan themselves. By hiring a company to prepare a comprehensive plan, it would reduce attorney's fees.

Motion was not necessary, only discussion at this time. No vote was taken.

XVI. The Board considered appointing the Town Administrator as the Deputy Early Voting Clerk. This requires someone being at Town Hall and posting election results once they are received.
Motion to appoint Town Administrator as Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
Motion by: Mark Graybill Second: Donna Avery
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XVII. The Board discussed Dennis Wagner, previous Chief of Police, any possible monies due him. It was determined that Talty does not owe him any money and that a written request was made. The Town never received any correspondence from Dennis Wagner.
No vote was taken, no action necessary.

XVIII. The Board discussed the Town Secretary position. The job was posted as required. Sherry Bagby addressed the Board suggesting strongly that a new position for Municipal Court Clerk be created to handle the huge amount of paperwork involved per each citation, prepare the various reports required by the State of Texas, filings involved with the violations, and to attend evening Court with Judge Ashcroft. This position would also fill-in as a back-up for the Town Secretary in her absence, to answer telephones and log permits.
Motion made to hire a municipal court clerk as a part-time position working from 8-noon, Monday through Friday, for a salary range of $12 to $15 per hour depending on court experience, legal experience, and level of education for the position. There would be a 90 day probationary period imposed.
Motion by: Todd Hutton Second: Carla Milligan
Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

XIX. Updates on surrounding area of Talty. Mr. Goodwin showed a map of Talty's ETJ, which goes ½ mile around the town. A Municipal Utility District ("MUD") in Terrell is planning a 5,000 acre development with 12,000 lots for homes. This area would encompass the vacant land behind Emerald Ranch and against CR213-A, and behind some of Shamrock subdivisions. Mr. Goodwin and Mayor Carter have an upcoming meeting with the City Manager of Terrell. Mr. Goodwin recommends that Talty not give up any ETJ without something in return. He suggested negotiating for property along the I-20 corridor (the 496 mile marker) for commercial development with Terrell.
No vote was taken, no action necessary.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn.
Made by: Donna Avery Seconded: Todd Hutton
Vote: all in favor.
Motion carried and meeting is adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the notice was posted on the outside window of the Town Hall of Talty, 9550 Helms Trail, Suite 500 in Forney, Texas at 9:00 a.m. on the 10th day of March, 2006.

Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary

The Board of Aldermen reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in executive closed session as permitted by law, if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.
Following discussion in executive session, the board of Aldermen will reconvene into open session where any final action regarding executive session items will be taken.

Mayor Earl Carter approved 4-11-06