TOWN OF TALTY

MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2012

The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at the Trinity Family Church in Talty, Texas.

1. Mayor Larry Farthing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and announced a quorum. Aldermen present were Millie Brice, Brad Davis, Frank Garrison, John Jackson and Kevin Williams. Also present were Mr. Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.
2. Everyone rose for the invocation by John Jackson.

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. • Dennis Berry signed in to introduce himself to the Board of Aldermen. He is running for County Commissioner Precinct #1, which includes Talty.

• Courtney McGrath addressed the Board with a complaint about the Town’s website and that it is not “user friendly,” and he asked the Board to look into making some changes to the website.

• Billy Walker addressed the Board regarding the CR213 and FM1641 where Texas DOT did not properly mark the roads and he asked that they be contacted to have this intersection remarked properly. Billy Walker also requested the Board to look into a recycling program for the citizens of Talty.

1. Action Items:
	* + 1. The Board reviewed the Minutes of March 20, 2012.

 A Motion was made by Millie Brice to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2012 as submitted.

 Seconded: Kevin Williams, Brad Davis abstained because he was absent at the March meeting;

 Vote: 4-1; motion carried.

* + - 1. The Board reviewed and discussed the March 2012 Financial Report submitted by Murrey & Co.

 A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the March 2012 monthly Financial Report as submitted.

 Seconded: John Jackson Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

* + - 1. The Board discussed the need for creating a notice to the citizens of Talty, and those living in the ETJ, to inform them of what a Municipal Development District is and how the money generated will be used to benefit Talty prior to the May 12, 2012 election.

Mayor Farthing stated that he intends to draft a flier to be mailed to all citizens, and those living in the ETJ, as well as publish information in the Forney Messenger on the Thursday prior to the election.

No action was necessary at this time.

1. Discussion Items:
* A future agenda item will be a discussion regarding the MDD for citizens and the economic benefits for Talty to create a MDD. If passed, it would allow a sales tax of ¼ of 1% to be allocated for the MDD, to assist new businesses to relocate in Talty, and/or help existing businesses. Most sales tax revenue is derived from those passing through our town on I-20.
* A future agenda item will be a discussion regarding further annexation.

Billy and Shirley Wood were presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their help in assisting the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen in successfully getting Shamrock Phase 8 into the Town of Talty. Being a part of the Town benefits citizens with police and fire protection, and code enforcement. It also gives citizens a voice to express their preferences by voting in the Town’s elections.

* A future agenda item will be another discussion on ways to alert citizens of bad weather conditions, and the cost to implement an emergency telephone notification system call center. To cover all of the area, Talty would need two sirens. The County is trying to get a full grant at this time to cover the costs. Forney has a phone tree and Talty could possibly collaborate with Forney to implement this system for Talty’s citizens.
1. After no further business, Mayor Farthing adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

 Mayor Larry Farthing

 Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby

 Dated: