TOWN OF TALTY

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The Town of Talty held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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, Al Werning and Kevin Williams. Also present were Mr. Connie Goodwin, Town Administrator, and Sherry Bagby, Town Secretary.
2. Everyone rose for the invocation by Brad Davis.

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Citizen’s Participation**: No one signed in to address the board.

1. **Open Public Hearing:** on the following:

(Application for Preliminary Plan request from Layden Farms Phases 2 and 3, located on the north east corner of FM 1641 and Layden’s Ridge Road (CR213) for residential use.

Todd Winters, with Engineering Concepts, addressed the Board regarding the renewal of a preliminary plan request for Layden Farms Phases 2 and 3, which was originally approved in 2003, and now expired. Also present was the owner of the property, Mr. Sami N. Ebrahim, to address any questions the Board may have regarding the property. A total of 35 residential lots will be built in these two phases, and 27 acres zoned for commercial at the frontage of FM1641. There have been no variances requested on this preliminary plan.

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**VI**. **Action Items:**

(taken out of order)

2. Wes Kucera, on behalf of the Planning & Zoning Commission, stated that the board unanimously recommends approval of the preliminary plan requests for Layden Farms Phases 2 and 3.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the Preliminary Plan request from Layden Farms Phases 2 and 3 as submitted.

Seconded: Millie Brice

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

1. Brian Thomas, of Yeldell Wilson & Co., presented the Audit Report for fiscal year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

A Motion was made by Brad Davis to approve the Audit Report as submitted.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

4. The Board discussed the Minutes of January 21, 2014.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the Minutes as submitted.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: 4-0; motion carried. Brad Davis abstained due to his absence.

5. The Board discussed the January 2014 Financial Report prepared by Murrey & Co.

A Motion was made by Mildred Brice to approve the financial report as submitted by Murrey & Co.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

6. The Board discussed raises for the new fiscal year, beginning October 1, 2013, and the impact on the budget, which was approved on September 17, 2013. The Mayor wanted to Clarify that raises are never guaranteed. Millie Brice asked What date should raises go into effect, on anniversary date of employee, or across the board at the beginning of the new fiscal year, October 1, 2013. The Mayor stated that he wanted to wait until a review of the first quarter before a 3% COLA raise would be implemented.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve the 3% COLA raises for all employees, and make it retroactive until January 1, 2014.

Seconded: Brad Davis

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

7. The Board reviewed Ordinance 2014-003, calling for a General Election on May 10, 2014, and to once again implement the sales tax for road repairs (1/4 of 1%), which has expired.

A Motion was made by Brad Davis to approve Ordinance 2014-003 calling for a general election on May 10, 2014 and to reinstate the sales tax on the ballot.

Seconded: Al Werning

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

8. Chief Mike Hoskins presented the annual Racial Profiling Report to the Board, which was prepared by Del Carmen Consulting, L.L.C. for fiscal year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, which is submitted to the State. No complaints were filed by any citizen.

A Motion was made by Mildred Brice to approve the Racial Profiling Report as submitted.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

9. Chief Mike Hoskins introduced a prospective new police reserve officer, Randy Ferguson, who retired after 40 years of service to the Dallas Police Department.

A Motion was made by Frank Garrison to approve Randy Ferguson as a new reserve police officer.

Seconded: Kevin Williams

Vote: 4-1; Motion carried. Al Werning voted against.

10. The Board discussed the status of the website regarding EZ Task bid to upgrade our current website.

A Motion was made by Brad Davis to approve a $5,200 bid to upgrade and change the existing website from Sprockett to EZ Task.

Seconded: Frank Garrison

Vote: 5-0; motion carried.

**VII. Discussion Items for Next Month:**

* Crossroads Baptist Church
* Status on ticket writer for the Municipal Court.

**VIII.** After no further business, Mayor Farthing adjourned the meeting at

7:55 p.m.

Dated:

Mayor Larry Farthing

Town Secretary, Sherry Bagby