

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Minutes
Special Called Meeting and Workshop
6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2016
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road

Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman David Williams.

Others Present: Kim Foutz, Village Administrator; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary.

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. The Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Reports.

Mayor Blancett invited Jack Hensley, Chief of Police, to introduce two new officers.

He then reported on flooding in the north part of the Village and announced a community meeting for the citizens in the affected area, the Hidden Glen development, James Construction, and TxDOT to take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, in the Municipal Building.

He reported on the visit with the Governor's staff in conjunction with the Salado Chamber of Commerce, regarding loss of income caused by the construction of Interstate 35. He said the Salado contingent asked for \$3 million in reparations.

Environmental Committee: No report; covered in Mayor's report.

ETJ / Annexation Committee: Administrator Foutz reported that the Salado Independent School District asked for a cost estimate for joining the sewer system.

Ordinance Committee: Alderman Williams reported that the Committee and Administrator Foutz will start a review of the Subdivision Ordinance soon.

Main Street Committee: Mayor Pro Tempore Brown reported that Administrator Foutz had a positive meeting with TxDOT in Waco recently regarding the possibility of free engineering for Main Street.

Street Improvements Committee: No report; covered in the Mayor's report.

Wastewater Committee: Administrator Foutz reported that the Village must purchase testing equipment that did not come with the plant. The plant operator was using his own equipment for testing, but now that he is no longer the operator, the Village must buy the equipment.

III. Proclamations / Special Recognition.

None.

IV. Public Comments.

3. Lawrence Kridler, 3422 Chisholm Trail, addressed the need for a speed bump on his street and asked for a high-water flip sign for his neighborhood.

Linda Reynolds, 507 Santa Rosa, asked if the Village has received the deed for the six acres and the TCEQ permit for the wastewater plans from Billie Hanks as part of the Sanctuary deal.

V. Consent Agenda.

4. Consider approving the Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Minutes, March 3, 2016, Regular Meeting.
 - b. A resolution (R-2016-139) amending Resolution R-2016-134, Establishing Committees and Advisory Boards, and the Policy for Village of Salado Committees and Advisory Boards.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Coachman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Regular Agenda.

5. Presentation and possible action on a request to accept and endorse a proposal for an Eagle Scout project for installation of reflectors on fire hydrants and maintaining a travelers stop at Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Mayor Blancett invited Eagle Scout candidate Ian Deakins to the dais to explain his proposed project to place/replace reflectors on the fire hydrants in the Village. He has eliminated the travelers' stop at Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to accept and endorse the proposal for an Eagle Scout project to place/replace reflectors on Village fire hydrants. Alderman McDougal seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider a request by Salado United Methodist Church for waiver of the pavilion rental fee in the amount \$150 for a sunrise service on Easter, March 27, 2016.

Administrator Foutz explained that the Pace Park Ordinance does not allow a waiver of fees by administration; approval must be granted by the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown made a motion to approve a request by Salado United Methodist Church for waiver of pavilion rental fee in the amount of \$150 as presented. Alderman Williams seconded.

There was discussion about what constitutes a community event. It was decided that the ordinance committee will review the Pace Park Ordinance to determine what sort of events qualify for waiver of fees. .

The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor closed the Regular Session at 8:20 p.m. and opened the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting.

VII. Zoning Board of Adjustments.

7. Hold a public hearing and consider variances from Sections 5.3C1 and 5.3C3, Fences in Residential Areas, of the Zoning Ordinance for a residential fence and vehicular access gate located in the front yard at 248 Van Bibber.

Administrator Foutz explained the request to put a three-rail vinyl fence 9 feet from the road and an access gate in the front yard. She also discussed the responses from property owners within 200 feet of the request.

Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Roy Robinson, property owner, explained the request and his plans to sell 1½ acres as single family and retain the rest of the acreage and build a home there.

Mayor Blancett made the second call for speakers at 7:34 p.m.

Darlene Walsh, 1110 Mill Creek Drive, thanked Mr. Robinson for cleaning up an eyesore on the property and asked what type of fence would be erected.

Mayor Blancett made the third call for speakers at 7:35 p.m. He closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to approve variances from Sections 5.3C1 and 5.3C3, Fences in Residential Areas, of the Zoning Ordinance for a residential fence and vehicular access gate, of 248 Van Bibber, striking the words "located in the front yard". Alderman Dankert seconded.

There was discussion about the width of the road and the proximity of fences to the road along Van Bibber.

Alderman Coachman amended his original motion to include Section 5.3C2. Alderman McDougal seconded.

The amended motion carried by a vote of 4-1 (Alderman Williams).

The Mayor closed the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting at 7:50 p.m.

VIII. Executive Session.

8. Evaluation of the Chief of Police as authorized by Texas Government Code §551.074, Personnel Matters.

The Board of Aldermen adjourned to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 8:42 p.m.

Alderman Dankert made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.


Skye Blaneett, Mayor


Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary



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