

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, December 11, 2014 6:30pm

Members present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brown, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderwoman Amber Preston Dankert, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Hans Fields

Members Absent: n/a

Staff Present: Kim Foutz - Village Administrator, City Attorney – Alan Bojorquez, Randy Stonerod - Village Secretary, Lyndsey Barrett – Administrative Assistant, Jack Hensley - Chief of Police

I. Call To Order: There being a quorum present, Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. Mayor Blancett led the invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
3. Words to “Honor the Texas Flag”

II. Reports:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Blancett stated that the coming year will “monumental.” There will be sewer plans, ordinances, roads, developments and such that must all receive our attention and will require us to make decisions. We’ll re-do the downtown. We can expect long workshops and Board of Aldermen (“BOA”) meetings. We must pay close attention to our budget. Next, Mayor honors the following: Diana Barker – former Village Secretary, for her past dedication and service; Judy Fields and Miriam Jordan for Home Tours & Salado on the Rocks. Mayor stated these events bond us together as a Village.

Aldermen Updates:

- **Alderman McDougal:** – Chamber of Commerce – The Chamber’s charge is to mold the working of the Chamber and the Village together. We’re putting together strategies, job descriptions, etc., to move together under a single strategy by early January 2015 and then move forward together.

- **Alderman Coachman:** n/a

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- **Mayor Pro Tem Brown:** n/a

- **Alderwoman Dankert:** n/a

- **Alderman Fields:** n/a

Staff Reports:

- **Cpl Bobby McLean escorts lung transplant recipient:** Report given by Kim Foutz. Video shown honoring Cpl McLean for escorting transplant patient around road closures to allow him to get to the hospital in time to receive a lung. All present applauded the noble act of Cpl McLean.

- **Police Report:** Chief Hensley gave the report during which he stated in October 2014 there were 302 calls for police service – 94% inside the Village and 6% outside its limits. The average response time was 3 minutes 46 seconds. There were: 3 arrests; 6 alarm calls; 57 citations issued. Cameras are being installed in vehicles and all vehicular equipment has been ordered. Police will have access to TCIC/NCIC info and training is ongoing.

- **Financial Report:** None given because Dan Nixon was unavailable to attend the meeting.

III. Proclamations: n/a

IV. Public Comments:

4. Judy Fields: Ms. Fields stated that the Christmas Stroll was a phenomenal success and our Village employees, Debbie Charbonneau, Kerry Phillip and Megan Seaton, did a great job assisting with this event. In fact, Ms. Fields opined it may have saved some Salado businesses from closing their doors. Ms. Fields stated that the Army Cavalry even rode their horses during the event. Kay and Tim and so many others really helped out. Thank you to all!

V. Consent Agenda:

5. (A) Consider approving Minutes from November 13, 2014 Regular Meeting. Alderman McDougal moved to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. Alderman Fields abstained. Minutes approved by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

VI. Regular Agenda:

6. PUBLIC HEARING – consider adopting an ordinance authorizing amendment to Zoning Ordinance 2013.08, Section 2.2 Planning and Zoning Commission, and Section 2.3 Zoning Board of Adjustments. Mayor Blancett opened the hearing and Kim Foutz showed a presentation outlining staff’s recommendations: change P&Z and ZBA terms from 3 years to 2 years; 2-term limit; staggered terms; meetings canceled if no applications or other business to conduct; added rules, bylaws, activities to include reviewing master plans and land use and development ordinances; and participating in required training in conformance with all laws. Also, recommend that the BOA serve as the ZBA for the Village. Tim Fleischer voiced concern about eliminating the ZBA. Tim viewed the ZBA as a buffer between the applicant and the BOA. City Attorney Alan Bojorquez stated that the BOA can serve as the ZBA in a Type A City. In fact, 70% of Texas cities are Type A and 90% of those Type A cities have their BOA serve cities’ ZBA. It’s perfectly legal to do so. Whether you have a ZBA or have your BOA serve as ZBA, the only appeal from actions taken therein are is to file a court case in District Court. Accordingly, a secondary layer for appeals does not exist within the Village regardless of whether it has a separate ZBA or the BOA acts as the ZBA. Mayor Blancett closed the public hearing. Alderman Coachman moves to approve the Item with the amendment that the BOA will serve as the ZBA. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconds the motion. The Board votes unanimously to approve the Item with the amendment that the BOA will serve as the Village ZBA.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – consider adopting an ordinance authorizing amendment to Ordinance 2009.09, Rules of Procedure for Board of Aldermen Meetings, Section 4C(5), Ordinances in General. Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing and Kim Foutz gave a presentation in which she stated that the main point of the ordinance change is to do away with the requirement that all ordinances must be read twice – once at two separate meetings – prior to being approved. Tim Fleischer asked whether Item 6 will be read twice before its approval. Alan Bojorquez stated that the Board can take up Item 6 again, out of order and during this same meeting, so that it does not need to be read twice before approval. The Mayor closed the public hearing. Alderman Coachman moved to approve Item 7 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Item.

8. Consideration and possible action on a Chapter 380 Grant Agreement between the Village of Salado and JES Development Corporation for a residential senior housing project at the intersection of Mary Lane and Vanessa Drive. Kim Foutz gave a presentation during which Kim stated per TDHCA requirements, this Item includes a financial commitment by the Village for \$13,950 with \$930 annual payments for 15 years. JES pledged to purchase locally in Salado whenever feasible. Alderman McDougal asked when payment of property taxes begins. Kim stated JES will begin paying property taxes at a rate controlled by law when

construction of the project commences. Alderman McDougal asked when the Village's obligations begin. Kim responded May 15th. Alderman McDougal stated JES seems to be a good and upstanding firm with which to conduct business – very timely and professional. Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to approve the Item as presented. Alderwoman Dankert seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-1 to approve the Item. Alderman Fields voted no on the Item. Item passed.

9. Consideration and possible action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Bell County for the construction of road improvements in the amount of \$60,230; acquisition of rejuvenated cold mix (RAP) in the amount of \$3,441; and pavement striping. Kim Foutz gave a presentation during which she stated the streets affected will be Royal, Baines and Chisolm. Kim and Alderman McDougal stated that no street will be repaired if scheduled to be torn up to accommodate the new sewer system. Rather, it will be repaired after all sewer lines have been installed. Alderman McDougal moved to approve the Item as presented. Alderwoman Dankert seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Item. The Mayor thanked Kim Foutz and staff for all of the work that they put into the meeting preparation and presentations.

VII. Executive Session:

Mayor Blancett closed the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m. The building was cleared and the Mayor opened an executive Session from 7:35 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to discuss the following:

10. Discuss the proposed Sanctuary Development and related economic development incentives.

11. Discuss the appointment of an Associate Judge.

12 Consultation with Village Attorney regarding legal considerations involving comprehensive plan updates, strategic planning for the extraterritorial jurisdiction, and capital improvement plan.

VIII. Regular Session:

13. Consider approving appointment of an Associate Judge. Alderman Fields moved to approve James J. Crowley as Associate Judge for the Village of Salado, to be compensated at the same rate of pay as Judge Engleking on such dates that Mr. Crowley fills in for Judge Engleking. Alderman McDougal seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Item as presented.

Announcements:

Mayor Blancett announced that the next Scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting is January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The Board went back into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. until 9:27 p.m. to finish discussing Items 10 and 12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

SKIP BLANCETT, Mayor of the Village of Salado, Texas

ATTEST: _____

RANDY A. STONEROAD, Village Secretary

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