

Village of Salado, TX
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, June 4, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman Amber Preston Dankert, Alderman David Williams

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Christina Lee, Acting Village Secretary; Jack Hensley, Chief of Police; Debbie Charbonneau, Executive Director, Salado Chamber of Commerce; Kim Foutz, Village Administrator; Mary Ann Ray, new City Secretary

I. Call To Order : Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., quorum present.

1. David Reeves, Youth Minister from First Baptist Church, led the invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

II. Reports:

Mayor's Report: The Mayor said that a meeting with Texas Department of Transportation has been set for June 15, 2015. The Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Aldermen, and citizens have sent letters to TxDOT regarding the lack of progress on completion of Interstate 35 through the Village. He acknowledged that extensive rain has slowed progress.

Police Report: Chief Jack Hensley reported that even with the extreme rainfall of the past few weeks, the Village incurred no flood damage nor loss of life. He said the Police Department put up additional signage to notify drivers of high water on roads. He also reported that the renovations of the new Police Headquarters are progressing, but there are issues with information technology that are being addressed. The Department will schedule an open house once the move-in is complete. TxDOT has approved the route for the Midnight Madness fun run on July 31. He reported that officers who have completed various trainings, and also reported that the Interstate 35 northbound access road has been opened and trucks will longer use Main Street as a detour. (See attached.)

Fire Report: Fire Chief Shane Berrier reported that construction on Firehouse No. 2 on FM 2484 is progressing. Firefighters have done most of the work themselves. The flooring will be installed Monday, with cabinetry to follow, and meetings and training will commence there in about two months. (See attached.)

Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Board: Debbie Charbonneau reported that a survey was sent to all 230 members of the Salado Chamber of Commerce; 76 responses were received. Results indicated that members are generally satisfied with their membership and plan to renew in 2016. A Walk-the-Village event is planned for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25, to meet with members on a

one-on-one basis. A general membership gathering will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 7, and all businesses are invited, members or not. Plans continue for upcoming events: Dog Days June 20, Salado Swirl July 11, and the Art Fair August 8 & 9. Charley Ayres of the Temple Economic Development Commission will present at the July 7 membership meeting. (See attached.)

III. Proclamations

None.

IV. Public Comments:

3. Linda Reynolds spoke about the sewer bond election. She expressed concern regarding the difference between the map used to promote the bond election and current maps that indicate a proposed development will be included in the sewer plan, whereas her home is not.

V. Consent Agenda

4. Consider approving the Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Minutes, Regular Meeting, May 21, 2015
 - b. Consider approving an amendment to the maintenance agreement between the Village of Salado and Jani-King of Austin for commercial cleaning services, adding the police department building located at 313 North Stagecoach to the current agreement and increasing the total contract amount by \$150.00 per month.
 - c. Consider and take action on an exemption to Fireworks Ordinance No. 2008.23 declaring the use, possession, and discharge of fireworks sponsored by Mill Creek as part of a Village approved event, subject to Bell County burn and/or drought status.

Motion was made by Alderman McDougal to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Coachman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5,0).

VI. Regular Agenda:

Resolutions: None

Public Hearings/Ordinances: None

Miscellaneous: None

VII. Workshop Session:

Mayor opened the Workshop Session at 7:00 p.m.

- 5. Policy for employment of off-duty police officers.** Village Administrator Kim Foutz explained a proposal for James Construction to employ off-duty Salado police officers to provide traffic control along Interstate 35 in Bell County during the construction process. She presented a contract between the City of Temple and James Construction for a similar agreement. The Village would assume both workman's comp and liability insurance. James Construction would compensate the Village \$65 per hour per officer, with a minimum of four hours per shift, and \$20 per hour per vehicle within the Village limits and \$30 per hour per vehicle outside the Village limits. The officers would then be compensated double-time by the city at an average rate of about \$36 per hour. If an emergency arises in Salado, the officers would leave their traffic posts to attend to the emergency. Ms. Foutz was asked to find out if police chiefs from other departments are participating. This item will be placed for action on the June 18, 2015, agenda.

- 6. Chapter 380 Economic Development Policy.** Ms. Foutz discussed the need for a Chapter 380 Economic Developmental Policy. She said that if the Village wants to offer incentives for development, a policy must be in place per state law. She will start working with the Chamber for business recruitment. This item will be placed for action on the June 18, 2015, agenda.

- 7. Tax Abatement Policy.** Ms. Foutz explained that before forming any economic developmental policy, the Village must determine what type of business it wants to attract because it's more difficult to revise a tax abatement than an economic development policy. She said there are two types of tax abatements: 1) real estate, which includes building, permanent fixtures, and equipment intended to be used for 10 years minimum; and 2) personal property. She said some communities offer abatements on one type or both, but the developer must select only one type of abatement. She asked for input by June 11, as this item will be placed for action on the June 18, 2015, agenda.

Mayor closed the Workshop Session at 7:56 p.m.

VIII. Executive Session

Mayor opened the Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor closed the Executive Session at 9:11 p.m.

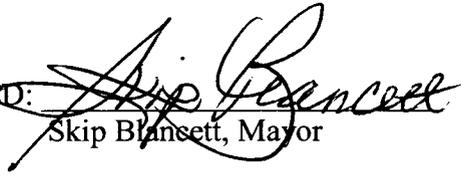
Ms. Foutz reported that no action was to be taken on Item IX, Letter of Intent with the Sanctuary Development.

The mayor invited public comment. Hans Fields, former member of the Board of Aldermen, advised the Board to talk to citizens. He said the citizens think they voted for the sewer project to help Main Street, not the Sanctuary or Belton.

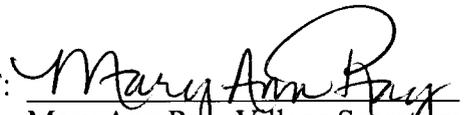
Motion was made by Alderman Dankert to adjourn. Alderman McDougal seconded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

APPROVED:


Skip Blansett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary