

Village of Salado, TX
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, March 19, 2015 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Alderman Amber Preston Dankert

Others Present: Douglas Hansen – Village Secretary, Jack Hensley - Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Executive Director

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

1. Mayor Blancett led the invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

II. Reports:

Mayor's Report: The Mayor read an email from Robert Sulaski regarding ongoing design efforts for the Sanctuary project.

Aldermen Updates:

Environmental Report/ETJ - No report

Ordinance Committee Report - No report

Main Street Report Mayor Pro Tem Brown said that the Texas A&M design team will be at the Salado Municipal Building Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Friday March 27th and urged residents and business owners to come to the meeting to give input to the future look of Main Street.

Street Improvement Committee Alderman McDougal said that Bell County has started their spot repair work two and a half month early. They have done work at the corner of Main & Royal and are continuing work on Baines. The major work that the Village accepted bids for on Salado Plaza, Mill Creek, and Thomas Arnold will begin mid-April and should be complete by the 1st week in June.

Stagecoach / Wastewater Report – No report.

The Mayor thanked the Aldermen for their reports.

III. Proclamations: none

IV. Public Comments:

3. No public comments were made.

V. Consent Agenda

4. Consider approving the Consent Agenda items:

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Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Alderman Coachman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

VI. Regular Agenda:

Resolutions – none.

Public Hearings / Ordinances – none.

Miscellaneous – none.

Mayor Blancett closed the Regular Session at 6:47 p.m. and opened the Workshop Session.

VII. Workshop Session:

5. Discuss a proposed Dog Park for Salado

Mayor Blancett asked John Jennings to speak

10. Discuss the US Fish and Wildlife presentation regarding the Salado Springs Salamander and the Stagecoach Plant

Tim Brown noted that what ordinance the Village passes is the Village's decision, and that an ordinance need not be more restrictive than necessary. Kim Foutz brought up the Stagecoach plant that is permitted to discharge into the creek but does not currently discharge there, and asked about jurisdiction and processes to determine what is allowable. Chris Harper said the key factors to examine are what exactly the permit says and conducting testing. Alderman Dankert noted that the spring near the Stagecoach plant is alluvial and therefore pushes water out and brought up the possibility of discharging into the pond first. Kim Foutz said that she had already started consulting with TCEQ and would be contacting Clearwater as well. Mayor Blancett called the board's attention to the fact the Village had to take action by June.

11. Discuss a proposed Outdoor Events Ordinance.

12. Discuss amending the Parks Ordinance to allow alcohol with special events.

Doug Hansen noted that these two items were follow-ups from a previous Workshop. He gave handouts summarizing answers to questions posed at the previous Workshop. He said that he would defer the presentation in the interest of time if the Aldermen wished.

13. Discuss Salado construction issues – Interstate 35 construction and Main Street Improvements

The Mayor said that he has another meeting with TXDOT at the end of March, pushing to try to get I-35 construction done by the end of December and asking for compensation for the construction delays, possibly in the form of gutter and curb work. Alderman Fields noted that he asked Andy Petter for a copy of the bridge inspection report, and the report shows that the Main Street Bridge is rated as a 72.6 out of 100.

The Mayor directed that the building be cleared and the Executive Session open at 9:43 p.m.

VIII. Executive Session:

The Board addressed two Agenda items in Executive Session.

14. Discuss the Sanctuary project as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.087, Economic Development.

15. Discuss the Robertson Tract project as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.087, Economic Development.

IX. Regular Session

The Mayor re-opened the Regular Meeting at 10:53 p.m.

Announcements:

Next Scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting will be at the Municipal Building on Thursday, March 19th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor asked the Board to meet in Workshop and Executive Session on Monday, Mar 9 at 6:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. if there was still business to discuss after the Mar 9 meeting was concluded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

APPROVED:



SKIP BLANCHETT, Mayor of the Village of Salado, Texas

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS A. HANSEN, Village Secretary