

Village Board of Aldermen
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, January 14, 2010 6:00pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Stephen Peters, Danney McCort, Susan Terry, Carol Walls, Bryan Fritch

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 11

Mayor Stalcup called the meeting to order at 6:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Mayor Stalcup gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments:

Robert Pascoe, 2001 Indian Trail & 409 Salado Plaza Dr. - encouraged the Board to continue to look at sewer system possibilities, would support a MUD district. Mr. Pascoe is also concerned about water drainage from the Brookshire Brothers shopping complex.

Jack Schrock, 1400 Stagecoach Circle - concerned about speeders on Chisholm Trail and asked Board to look into ways to slow cars down on that road.

Alderman McCort made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated December 9th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley reported that there were 179 calls for service in November, 91% inside the city limits. Average response time was 5:09. There were 63 man hours performed by COPS.

Report from Tourism Chair: No Report.

Mayors Report: Chisholm Trail road resurfacing has been completed. The Village Attorney is currently working on future development information for Salado. Alderman Walls is talking with property owners in Salado's ETJ to see if they are interested in coming into the Village limits. The engineering on the Winners Circle Bridge should be completed by end of January. The Village Attorney has not completed negotiations with Lone Star Trailers on attorney fees. Mayor is still working with John Rosanky on acquiring property on Salado Creek where the Sirena statue is. The Pace Park restoration project agreement is being drafted by the Village Attorney and work will start soon. Mayor has talked with Bell County Health Department regarding the Brookshire Brothers septic issues and is trying to work out a solution. TxDOT will remove the temporary fencing on the Main Street bridge in the next few days and a new railing along the walk path will be put up.

Aldermen Reports:

Alderman Terry reported that the proposed golf cart ordinance will be reviewed this evening by the Board. It simply maintains state law. This proposed ordinance was brought on due to HB2553 of the Transportation Code. TxDOT has evaluated the speed limit on Main Street and will reduce the speed at the north end from 40mph to 35mph.

Alderman Terry has met with developers and the City of Belton on acquiring wastewater facility. There are currently three different possibilities that are being reviewed for the downtown area only. The Secretary of State office has offered their resources to assist Salado in this effort.

Keep Salado Beautiful has been very successful. A grant will be submitted in February for funds to assist in KSB projects.

Alderman Walls reported that the COPS program is in need of more volunteers. There are currently 14 members.

Leadership Salado has been very successful and will be an annual project.

Alderman Walls is talking with ETJ owners about coming into the Village limits. Currently there are three property owners interested.

Alderman McCort reported that the Chisholm Trail street resurfacing project is complete with the exception of repair to neighboring lawns.

Alderman McCort is working on flood mitigation/control throughout the Village.

Still working on drainage problem at Stagecoach Circle. Bids from the County Engineers office and a couple of construction companies have been acquired.

Review of some of the Village ordinances is still in progress for updating.

Alderman Fritch reported that the Village Attorney is currently reviewing a draft of the agreement between the Village and R&A Hauling to do the restoration project of Pace Park. Alderman Fritch is reviewing the medical insurance program for the Village employees for the next budget year.

Alderman Fritch is re-looking at acquiring emergency sirens for the Village. A decision from the Board on whether to proceed with acquiring new bids needs to be made prior to further investigation.

Unfinished Business:

1. Proposal of Ordinance Allowing Golf Cart's to be Driven on Public Streets (Third Reading)

Draft F was presented. It is unclear whether insurance is needed on a golf cart to drive on public streets.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adopt Draft F as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters; motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2. Audit Report on 2008-2009 Financials by Cunningham, Shavers & Christensen

Nathan Pringle with the above mentioned firm presented documents on the recent financial audit. Mr. Pringle explained the process of the audit and stated that the Village did well, there were no non-compliance or fraud issues detected and the assets exceeded the liabilities, therefore the Village was in good financial position. The Village received a clean opinion for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

3. Appointment of New Planning & Zoning Commission Member
There were two applicants for the vacant seat on the P&Z, Tom McMahan and Mary Hanik. Mayor Stalcup called for a vote by the Board on who to appoint. Mr. McMahan received three votes, Mrs. Hanik received two. Mr. McMahan will serve a three year term.
4. Year-to-Date Financial and Quarterly Reports
Alderman Peters went over the financials and quarterly reports for both the general fund and the hotel/motel fund. Sales tax receipts are down about \$13,000.00 so far this fiscal year. There were no objections to the financials.
5. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Conditional Use Permit Request at 400 S. Main to Allow the Sale of Wine *Public Hearing Item*
This issue was postponed from a previous meeting by the Board pending a letter of permission from the property owner/manager allow the sale of wine at the above mentioned property. That letter of permission was received from the property manager of Stagecoach Properties allowing the tenant to sell wine on Stagecoach property. The P&Z have recommended approval of the CUP. There were no comments regarding this issue received by the Village office or from the audience.
Motion was made by Alderman McCort to approve the Conditional Use Permit and allow the sale of wine at the above mentioned address. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.
6. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Amending Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Spiked Bars on Metal Fencing and Require Solid Bar Across Top *Public Hearing Item.*
Kate Darnell, 2200 Indian Trail - very concerned about the ongoing and possible future probability of deer being impaled on decorative metal spiked fencing and would like the Board to overrule the P&Z's recommendation to not amend the zoning ordinance prohibiting spiked fencing.
Alderman Peters stated for the record that as long as fencing meets codes he does not want the Village to tell homeowners what kind of fence they can or cannot put up.
Motion was made by Alderman Peters to concur with the recommendation of the P&Z Commission and not amend the zoning ordinance requiring solid bars across the top of decorative iron fencing. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried 3 to 2 with Aldermen McCort and Walls opposing.
7. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Rear Yard Setback at 502 Mill Creek Dr. *Public Hearing Item*
The P&Z have recommended approval of the variance request submitted by Four Seasons Sunrooms. There were no comments received by the Village office or from the audience.
Motion was made by Alderman Walls to grant the variance request by Four Seasons Sunrooms and allow a 19' rear yard setback. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry; motion carried unanimously.
8. Amendment to Contractor Registration Ordinance Increasing Fees, Appointing a Default Building Official, and Exempting Plumbing Contractors from Paying Annual Fees (First Reading)
Draft A was presented. There were no objections. Will put on next agenda for possible adoption.

9. Allocation of Funds for Drainage Cleaning at Stagecoach Circle

Alderman McCort asked the Board to allow the expenditure of \$5,000.00 to clean out a drainage ditch in the Stagecoach Circle area that has severe flooding problems in heavy rains. Some of that money would also be spent on other areas that need to be cleaned out. A quote from Bell County has been received. There was some concern about cleaning out an area that is on several private properties.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to have Alderman McCort draft a letter that Mayor Stalcup will sign indicating that the Village is willing to facilitate with the county to do the work but the home owners will need to agree to each pay their share of the total cost for the work. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

10. Adoption of Resolution No. 073 Entering into a Joint May Election

This Resolution allows the Village to hold a joint May election with the School District and the Library District. The School District has asked that the pay for the election clerks change from \$7.25/hour to \$8.00/hour to keep in line with the county.

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adopt Resolution No. 073 with the change of changing the pay for election clerks from \$7.25/hour to \$8.00/hour. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is February 4, 2010 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor