

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, March 18, 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: 9

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: Jim Boynton, Florence resident - Concerned about Village having double standards regarding who has to get a building permit and who has to get a burn permit. Stated the Board should make everyone follow the same rules.

Alderman Walls made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated March 4th. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort, motion carried unanimously.

Report from Tourism Chair: Director Charbonneau stated that the electric service upgrade at the Civic Center is complete and the Texas Renewable Energy Fair is on schedule for April 16th and 17th.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

2. Presentation of Smart Meters by Oncor

John Toone and Don Clevenger with Oncor gave a brief presentation on the benefits of changing electric meters to smart meters.

3. Municipal Building Septic System Repairs

Bob Stewart with Stewart Construction informed the Board of why the septic system at city hall would back up during heavy rains and presented a proposal to fix the problem.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to accept the proposal for \$7,100.00 and enter into an agreement with Stewart Construction to repair the system with the task of ensuring that nothing that will be done will infringe on TxDOT's right-of-way. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Westside Place Final Plat
Westside Place is a plat dividing one piece of property into three and showing the two neighboring existing lots owned by the same property owners, creating a plat of five lots along Robertson Road at Blue Jay. This is inside the Village limits and is currently zoned Local Retail.
Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to accept the P&Z's recommendation and approve the Final Plat as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried 3 to 2 with Alderman Peters and McCort opposing.
5. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Request to Amend Zoning Use Chart to Include the Sale of New and Used Autos *Public Hearing Item*
There were no comments from the public on this issue submitted.
Motion was made by Alderman Peters to uphold the P&Z's recommendation and deny the request to amend the Zoning Ordinance Use Chart to allow the sale of new and used autos inside the village limits. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry; motion carried 4 to 1 with Alderman McCort opposing.
6. Recommendation from Zoning Board of Adjustment on Variance Request to the International Plumbing Code Requiring the Installation of a Water Fountain at 110 N. Main Street *Public Hearing Item*
The IPC requires a water fountain be installed in this project of renovating a small building for a business use.
Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to accept the ZBA's recommendation and not require the property owner to install a water fountain at 110. N. Main Street. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried 3 to 2 with Aldermen Peters and McCort opposing.
7. Year-to-Date Financials
Alderman Peters went over the financials. He noted a few items that were over budget but stated that the Village and Hotel/Motel were still under budget for the year. There were no objections to the financials.
8. Interlocal Agreement with Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District to Monitor Salado Creek.
This agreement authorizes the installation of equipment up Salado Creek close to the Hidden Springs subdivision that will monitor the rise and fall of the water. The equipment would notify the communication center in Belton of rising water who will then notify the Chief of Police, Mayor, and Fire Chief so that Salado has an earlier warning of Salado Creeks rising waters. This item was postponed pending further research on a dollar amount Salado would be liable for with upgrades, enhancements, or maintenance.
9. Certification from Village Secretary of Unopposed Candidates for the May 8th General Election
Secretary Zulauf certified via signed document that the incumbents were the only ones to file for a place on the May 8th general election; therefore enabling the Village to cancel the election.
10. Ordinance Cancelling the May 8th General Election
Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adopt Ordinance No. 2010.05 cancelling the May 8th election and to waive the requirement for a second reading. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 8, 2010 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor