

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, April 16, 2009
6:00pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Stephen Peters, Mike Cooper, Robert Pascoe, Carol Walls

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Alan Bojorquez - Village Attorney, 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. Pastor Joe Keys gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated April 2nd with the change of showing Alderman Pascoe as present at that meeting, not absent. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley stated there were 99 calls during the month of March, 6 were outside the Village limits. The average response time is approximately 3 minutes. Chief Hensley has activated the Law Enforcement Standards Education Fund for Salado. A grant of funds given to small departments to be used for training. This fund can be drawn upon each year for between \$500 and \$700 a year. Chief Hensley introduced the new patrol officer, James Blackmon.

Report from Tourism Chair: Director Charbonneau reported that Saturday, April 18th is Earth Day in Salado to be held at Pace Park. This event is sponsored by the Keep Salado Beautiful committee. October 23rd through 25th is Salado's Founders Day celebration. September 25th through 27th is Salado's Chocolate and Art Festival. The respective committees are still working out details but it's coming along well.

Mayors Report: No report.

Unfinished Business:
None

New Business:

1. Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
Mayor Stalcup reported that there are three seats to be filled on the ZBA committee. One application for that committee has been received from Rod Russell.
Motion was made by Alderman Walls to appoint Rod Russell to serve a two-year term.
Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

2. Year-to-Date Financials
Alderman Peters went over the financials and quarterly reports. There were no objections.

3. Renewal of Refuse (Waste Disposal) Franchise Ordinance
Attorney Bojorquez stated that the current ordinance, while it doesn't have an expiration date, the permit waste disposal companies are required to get from the Village every three years does. The ordinance was brought to the Board for review and discussion before permit applications went out.
Motion was made to readopt the current Refuse Ordinance (No. 2007.02) as presented and written with no changes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of Deputy Municipal Clerk Position
Alderman Peters stated that due to a recent heavy turnover in personnel, the Village needs to hire another employee. A proposal to hire one full-time employee that would work one day at city hall for the Village Secretary and Chief of Police and four days at the Visitor Center was presented. The new employees salary would be split between the Village general fund and Hotel/Motel and the Chamber of Commerce. A job description will be drafted and brought back to the Board for consideration.

5. Discussion of Court of Appeals Decision and Future Voluntary Annexations
Alderman Peters explained that the 3rd Court of Appeals has ruled in Salado's favor concerning the annexation law suit with Lone Star Trailers. The issue of the losing party paying the winning parties legal fees has been remanded back to the District Court. Alderman Peters stated that he feels like this decision provides an opportunity for residents in Salado's ETJ to be more securely annexed. Alderman Peters recommended adjourning into executive session to confer with the Village Attorney on collecting legal fees.

Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:55PM.

Reconvened into Regular Session at 7:20PM.

No action taken.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 2, 2009 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Walls to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor