

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, June 4, 2009
6:00pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Danney McCort, Susan Terry, Leigh Bracken, Carol Walls

Members Absent: Stephen Peters

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 10

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: Kate Darnell, 2200 Indian Trail, stated that a resident has an iron fence with spiked posts around his yard and deer trying to clear the fence are getting impaled on the fence. Ms. Darnell stated that she wanted to make the Board aware of the danger to wildlife with this kind of fencing and suggested the Board look into adopting an ordinance prohibiting this kind of fence. Ms. Darnell submitted a folder with several other letters from concerned citizens on this issue.

Paula Wood, 109 Salado Creek Place, read a letter she wrote to the neighbor that has the spiked fencing regarding the danger to wildlife and suggesting a way to fix the problem. Ms. Wood also read a letter by Linda Hill which expressed her concern regarding this type of fence and the danger to wildlife. Ms. Hill also suggested an ordinance prohibiting this kind of fencing. Bryan Fritsch, 2519 Hester Way, recommended the Board consider changing their meeting protocol and procedures to include allowing citizens to comment on specific items on the agenda at the time the agenda item is talked about by the Board instead of having the citizens comment at the beginning of the meeting under Citizen Comments. Mr. Fritsch would like to see more citizen involvement during the meetings and requested this issue be put on a future agenda for discussion.

Alderman Walls made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 21st. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Assistant Village Secretary Position Job Description

A draft job description for a full-time assistant Village Secretary was presented. This individual would work some hours at the municipal building assisting the Village Secretary and Chief of Police and the rest of the hours per week working at the tourism office. The salary would be charged to the respective department. The Board had no objection to going forth with advertising for the position.

2. Appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
Four applications have been received by citizens interested in serving on either of these two boards.

Motion was made by Alderman Walls to appoint Richard Prater to the Planning & Zoning Commission, and appoint Hans Fields, Curt Strong, and William Shepperd to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bracken, motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of C.O.P. Program General Orders

Alderman Walls presented the final draft of the Citizens on Patrol in Salado general orders. *Motion was made by Alderman Walls to adopt the General Orders as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry, motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

4. Consideration of Sign Variance Request by Barry Williams w/Robertson Ham's

Municipal Inspector Roxanne Valdez has cited Mr. Williams for restructuring an existing sign without a permit. Mr. Williams stated that the sign has been there since 1971 and he is simply replacing boards. The current sign ordinance states that if a sign is damaged by natural causes it is to be rebuilt in compliance with the current sign ordinance. Mr. Williams is asking the Board to allow him to put the sign back the way it was prior to the storm, which is non-compliant.

Due to the historical value of the sign, motion was made by Alderman Terry to grant Mr. Williams request to allow him to rebuild the sign as it was before the storm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

5. Road Repair, Preparation for Contractor Bids

Alderman McCort presented to the Board a list of three road construction companies that have placed bids on pulverizing and rebuilding 1/4 mile of Chisholm Trail. Alderman McCort is also recommending putting in ribbon curbs to help hold the concrete base in place. Alderman McCort along with Gerry Reihsen will review the contractors work and bring a proposal/contract back to the Board at a later date.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 18, 2009 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Walls to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor