

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, September 17, 2009
6:00pm

Members present: Stephen Peters, Susan Terry, Carol Walls, Bryan Fritch

Members Absent: Merle Stalcup, Danney McCort

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, Village Attorney - Alan Bojorquez, citizens: 5

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Dale Gore gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Terry made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 3rd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley gave a brief report on the number of calls the police department had during the month of August.

Unfinished Business:

1. Adoption of Proposed 2009-2010 Village Budget Public Hearing Item

Mayor Protem Walls opened the floor for comments.

Marilyn Fleischer, 912 Cedar Park Cr. - As a representative of the Salado Civic Center Board Mrs. Fleischer addressed questions posed to her by the Board of Aldermen earlier in the week regarding the Civic Center's request of the Village to rent the Civic Center restrooms at a rate of \$400/month. This is an effort to assist the Civic Center financially to keep the restrooms open for the public. Mrs. Fleischer requested that the Board of Aldermen put this monthly expense into the 2009-2010 budget.

Tim Fleischer, 912 Cedar Park Cr. - Mr. Fleischer questioned the Board about their apparent reluctance to spend what he believes is a minimal amount to help keep the Civic Center operational. Mr. Fleischer briefly explained the history of the Civic Center, why it was renovated and opened for use, and it's continued need to the Village.

Sue Hahn, O.W. Lowrey (ETJ) - Suggested that the Board visit with the businesses at the north end of town to find out their need to have those restrooms open before the Board makes a decision.

Dennis Cabaniss, (ETJ) - Believes no Salado civic group should have to pay for the use of the Civic Center but reiterated that the Civic Center is very important to the Village, it's history and is in need of financial assistance.

Melanie Kirchmeier, (ETJ) - Questioned the Board as to their reasoning for asking to see Civic Center financial statements if the request is for the Village to pay a rent for the restroom facilities.

Mayor Stalcup was authorized to negotiate a proposed contract with the Civic Center at a previous meeting. The Board will wait until those negotiations are complete and a contract is drafted before taking any action on the request to pay a monthly rent to the Civic Center to keep the public restrooms open.

Public hearing closed at 6:45.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to amend the proposed General Fund 2009-2010 budget by moving \$14,000 out of Emergency Operations into the Street fund making the total budget for the Street fund (line item# 6610) \$100,000 and the total budget for Emergency Operations (line item# 7300) \$2,700. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adopt the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget as presented with the above stated changes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adopt Ordinance No. 2009.08 adopting a tax rate of .0492. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry; motion carried unanimously.
This tax rate is unchanged from the 2008-2009 budget year.

2. Adoption of Proposed 2009-2010 Hotel/Motel Budget *Public Hearing Item*

There were no comments to this proposed budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adopt the 2009-2010 Proposed Hotel/Motel Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry; motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

3. Appointment of Alternate Tourism Council Member

Director Charbonneau explained that the motion to appoint two new members to the tourism council at the last Board meeting did not include the alternate member, Carol Strong.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to appoint Carol Strong as the alternate Tourism Council member. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry; motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution to Contract with Court Fine Collection Company

Mayor Protem Walls explained that two companies submitted proposals to contract with the Village to collect outstanding municipal court fines and fees. There is no cost to the Village for this service.

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adopt Resolution No. 069 and enter into an agreement with the McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Law Firm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters; motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution to Appoint Official Village Newspaper

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adopt Resolution No. 069 appointing the Salado Village Voice as the Village's official newspaper. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

6. Report on Salado Volunteer Fire Department Relations

Alderman Fritch provided the Board with a document of his findings after a conversation with Fire Chief Young regarding the status of the relations of the SVFD and the Village. All appears well.

Announcements:

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

Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Carol Walls
Mayor Protem