

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, October 15, 2009
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, Alan Bojorquez - Village Attorney, citizens: 13

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 Brady Johnson gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments:

Sheryl Russell, Baines House B&B - Mrs. Russell stated that she is concerned about the appearance and safety of the Main Street Bridge since the September 11th flood heavily damaged the walking path on the bridge. Stated that maybe alternative traffic patterns may assist in pedestrian traffic on the bridge. Suggested decorating the walking path with bails of hay and pumpkins to make the appearance more pleasant. Mrs. Russell feels like the appearance hurts businesses in Salado. Would like to remove TxDOT's signage of closure and put up something more positive.

Alderman McCort made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated October 1st. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley gave the crime report for September. 117 calls for service, 96% inside city limits, 4% outside city limits; average response time was 3:48. There were no objections

Report from Tourism Chair: Tourism Director Charbonneau gave everyone a schedule of events for the upcoming Founders Day celebration and encouraged everyone to attend.

Unfinished Business:

1. Final Plat for Boynton Addition, Baines Street

A revised Final Plat was present along with a letter from Village Engineer John Simcik approving the plat and recommending approval by the Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Peters to approve the Final Plat for the Boynton Addition as present contingent on a letter from the Bell County Health Department approving the projects septic plans. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.

2. Civic Center Lease Approval

A draft Lease Agreement and Letter of Understanding between the Village and the Civic Center Foundation was presented. The Village would lease the public restrooms at the Civic Center for \$400/month for a three year term. At this time the Foundation has installed hi-speed internet connections in the building, an accounting program has been purchased and been installed for clearer accounting practices, a website for the Center has been created and is up, paint samples to paint the inside have been selected and the Mason's have volunteered to paint, and automatic door locks have been ordered. The Civic Center Foundation is in agreement with the draft lease. The lease will be paid monthly out of Tourism budget. The Lease and Letter of Understanding has not been presented to the Tourism Council as a whole but the members were emailed a copy and have made comments back to the Mayor and are fine with the intent of the agreement. Questions were brought up regarding the provision for damages to the building.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to authorize Mayor Stalcup to negotiate the concerns brought up, redraft the Lease Agreement and sign it. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried with 3 ayes and 2 no's, Alderman Peters and Alderman McCort.

New Business:

3. Year-to-Date Financial and Quarterly Reports

Alderman Peters went over the end of fiscal year reports. The Village ended the year above budget on income and below budget on expenses. The Hotel/Motel fund came in below budget on income and below budget on expenses. A liability account of \$10,000 has been created to pay upcoming expenses out of the '08-'09 fiscal year from the September 11th flood. There were no objections to the financials or the quarterly reports.

4. State Energy Conservation Office Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant

Mayor Stalcup stated that the State is offering to small cities a grant to be used on projects that will help with energy conservation. A Notification of Intent must be filled out and sent back to the comptroller's office by mid November. There were no objections to applying for this grant.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is November 5, 2009 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor