

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, February 5, 2009
6:00pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 8

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: Robert Denman, 1508 Old Mill Rd. – Mr. Denman stated that he does not like the bronze statue erected on Main Street at the north end of the green walking bridge (the statue created by Aaron Gist and erected by PALS). Mr. Denman feels that the statue is not appropriate for Main Street and wants it removed.

Cathy Sands, 2300 Indian Trail – Ms. Sands shares Mr. Denman’s concerns regarding the statue on Main Street and suggested making a designated area somewhere in town for sculpture art.

Alderman Peters stated that he is offended by the Mayor giving the invocation at the beginning of Board meetings. Alderman Peters also feels that it is not right that the presiding Mayor change the protocol of the meetings without discussing it with the Board first.

Alderman Walls made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated January 22nd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley gave a brief report on the number and type of calls the police department received during January. See attached.

Report from Tourism Chair: Director Charbonneau reported on:

- the estimated dollar value that the volunteers in Salado donate to the Village through their time for 2008, approximately \$31,000.00;
- the Founders Day celebration proposed activities;
- the 2009 Converge on the Capital which will be on February 11th in Austin;
- the Keep Salado Beautiful campaign. Salado is now a Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate. See attached.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

1. Ordinance Calling for May General Election

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Ordinance No. 2009.01 as presented calling for an election to be held on May 9, 2009 to fill three Alderman seats. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

2. Possible Adoption of Resolution on Hotel Motel Tax to Benefit Bell County Expo

Director Charbonneau stated that the resolution before the Board is a resolution opposing the proposed 2% Hotel Occupancy Tax that Salado lodging facilities would collect and remit to the Bell County Expo Center. This tax would help pay for expansion and renovation to the Expo Center in Belton. Salado lodging facilities have voted unanimously to oppose the tax stating that they feel Salado does not receive enough business from activities at the Expo Center to warrant charging their guests the extra 2%. *Motion was made by Alderman Strong to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 067 opposing the 2% H.O.T. proposed by the Bell County Expo Center. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is February 19, 2009 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Walls to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Merle Stalcup
Mayor