

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting
Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2015
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road

Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Alderman David Williams.

Others Present: Kim Foutz, Village Administrator; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary; Jack Hensley, Chief of Police; Shane Berrier, Chief, Salado Volunteer Fire Department; Chrissy Lee, Code Enforcement Clerk.

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Skip Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Kevin Allen, Associate Pastor of Children, First Baptist Church, led the invocation.
2. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Proclamations / Special Recognition.

None.

III. Public Comments.

3. King Copeland, P.O. Box 192165, Dallas, Texas, 75219, spoke about the expenses for the sewer and the need to turn around downtown Salado.

Linda Reynolds, 507 Santa Rosa, said she was glad to see the Village develop a policy on Open Records and read the preamble to the Open Records Act.

Darlene Walsh, 1110 Mill Creek Drive, addressed the proposed route of the sewer line.

Susan Terry, 2106 Bluff Circle, of Keep Salado Beautiful spoke about the Governor's Community Achievement Award, a \$90,000 grant pursued by Keep Salado Beautiful. She invited all to attend an informational meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at the Municipal Building.

Jill Shipman, 711 College Hill, president of the Public Arts League of Salado, thanked the Board of Aldermen for its support of PALS.

IV. Reports.

Mayor's Report.

Mayor Blancett, reported on the success of local events, including Christmas in October and the Salado Volunteer Fire Department open house at Station 2. He discussed the pending grants: TAPS grant for trails, the Governor's Community Achievement Award, and a grant for the fire department to purchase a brush truck. He also invited all to attend a town hall update on Interstate 35 with the Texas Department of Transportation and James Construction at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2015, in the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Environmental Committee Report.

Alderman Dankert reported that a panel of subject-matter experts will present and answer questions at the town hall forum on Urban Deer Population at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2015, in the Municipal Building.

ETJ/Annexation Committee Report.

Village Administrator Foutz reported that the Village Attorney is working with Salado Independent School District on the annexation process. The annexation process for the Hidden Glen development will be done concurrently with SISD. She said there are ongoing discussions about other potential annexations because of the planned sewer.

Ordinance Committee Report.

No report.

Main Street Committee Report.

Mayor Pro Tempore Brown reported that the committee is waiting for the large maps to arrive. Lights will be installed on the green walking bridge before the end of November.

Street Improvements Committee Report.

Alderman McDougal reported the planned I-35 detours for the coming weeks.

Stagecoach / Wastewater Status Report.

Administrator Foutz reported that a small number of current customers of the Stagecoach Wastewater Treatment Plant attended a recent informational meeting. She reported that the Village is waiting for estimates for the planned repairs to the plant.

Financial Report.

See attached.

V. Consent Agenda.

4. Consider approving the Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Minutes, September 24, 2015, Special Called Meeting and Workshop
 - b. Minutes, October 1, 2015, Regular Meeting and Workshop
 - c. Consider an amendment to Resolution R-2015-115 for a Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program grant, to develop a combined on-road and off-road trail facility for pedestrians and bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation and safety improvements along College Hill Street, Peddler's Alley, Salado Creek, Center Circle, and Royal Street.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Coachman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Regular Agenda.

5. Discussion and possible action on Resolution R-2015-128 adopting a policy for the management of all open records requests and establishing a policy for costs incurred to respond to public information requests that require large amounts of personnel time.

Mayor Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to approve Resolution R-2015-128 as presented. Alderman Dankert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor closed the regular session at 7:20 p.m. and announced a five-minute recess.

VII. Workshop Session.

The Mayor opened the workshop session at 7:26 p.m.

6. Discuss a Request and Consent to the Creation of a Municipal Utility District to be named Sanctuary Municipal Utility District.

There was discussion about the potential effect of a MUD on the Village. Administrator Foutz explained that the Village could decline consent, yet the Public Utility Commission could still approve it. The Village has 90 days to file a response. It was decided that this item would be discussed again at a BOA workshop November 12, 2015.

7. Discuss Keep Salado Beautiful application for Keep Texas Beautiful – TxDOT Governor's Community Achievement Award and grant.

Susan Terry was invited to address the BOA. She gave an overview of all seven categories that are part of the grant application, including a resolution of support from the BOA. The resolution will be brought for a vote at the BOA's November 5, 2015 meeting. This

grant is in the form of a funded project; each winning community will design a project, and TxDOT will pay for it. The application deadline is February 9, 2016.

8. Discuss right-of-way entry letters and follow-up process.

Administrator Foutz reported that 224 right-of-entry letters were mailed, with 120 returned as of meeting time. About 76 forms still need attention, and a team of volunteers will be assembled to make phone calls to property owners to ask them to give approve for right of entry.

9. Discuss and distribute employee evaluation forms and manual.

Administrator Foutz described the evaluation packets and reported that the handbook is still in development.

10. Discuss purchase of land for a Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There was general discussion about the location of land parcels that are under consideration.

The Mayor closed the Workshop Session at 8:04 p.m. and announced a five-minute recess.

VIII. Executive Session

The Mayor opened the Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 10:06 p.m.

IX. Regular Session

Mayor Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dankert seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Village of Salado


Skip Blincett, Mayor


Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary