

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Civic Center
Thursday, October 7, 2004
6:30pm

Members present: Jack Schrock, Michael Cooper, Rick Ashe, Suzi Epps, Jackie Mills

Members Absent: Vic Means

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, citizens:
About 30

Mayor Ashe called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

*Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 16th.
Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Motion was made by Alderman Schrock to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 11 – 15, 2004 as Chamber of Commerce Week. Motion was seconded by Aldermen Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were eighteen criminal offenses during the month of September. Seventeen of these cases were cleared.

Tourism Department Report:

Chairman of the tourism department, Alderman Epps, reported that the tourism council have interviewed a few more candidates and hope to select a Director in the near future. The department is still up and running with the help of Dawn Orange, Chamber Secretary, and Dianna Zulauf, Municipal Clerk.

Alderman Means came in at this time (6:35)

Unfinished Business:

1. Contractor Registration Ordinance
Issue was postponed pending further revisions to the draft ordinance.

New Business:

1. Consideration of ETJ Expansion Petitions
Mayor Ashe stated that this was the second round of ETJ petitions that the Board will consider. There are 364 petitions to consider this round. Mayor Ashe also stated that these petitions were voluntarily presented to the Village government by citizens living outside the Village's ETJ. The citizens petitioning the Village are requesting that the Board accept their petition to include their property in Salado's ETJ. Maps showing which properties were being considered were present for viewing. Each petition was accompanied by a description of the property to be considered and an ordinance was attached to each petition.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No.2004-16.001 thru 2004.16-364.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

A round of applause was heard by all.

2. Winners Circle and Mill Creek Springs Overlook Final Plat Approval

Alderman Epps reported that these two subdivisions have been through the Planning & Zoning Commission and that Commission recommends approval of the final plats as presented.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to approve the final plats as presented of Mill Creek Springs Overlook and Winners Circle. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means; motion carried unanimously.

3. Sonic Plat Approval

Alderman Epps reported that the property Sonic is to build on has never been plated, therefore, it had to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Planning & Zoning Commission has approved the plat and recommends approval by the Board of Aldermen.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to approve the final plat from Sonic as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper; motion carried unanimously.

4. Sonic Sign Variance Request

Alderman Epps stated that the original sign request submitted by Sonic was denied due to the height requested exceeded the height allotment of the sign ordinance. Sign approval by the Board of Aldermen is pending a sign variance request by Sonic.

5. Request for Abandonment of Alley between Church Street and Main Street

Alderman Epps explained that there is an alley way plated that runs parallel between Main Street and Church Street. This alley way has never been recognized. A request has been made by Susan Stockton to abandon the part of that alley way that goes through her property so that property can be subdivided. The abandonment of the rest of the alley way will be considered upon request from neighboring property owners.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to abandon the alley way on Ms. Stockton's property between Main Street and Church Street. Motion was seconded by Alderman Schrock; motion carried unanimously.

6. Drainage Study at Van Bibber Ln. and Main Street

Alderman Means explained that several months ago the property owner of Civic Center Square and the Chairman of the Civic Center Foundation met with then Mayor Douglass and himself to discuss the drainage problem at the south side of the Civic Center property, corner of Main and Van Bibber. It was suggested that a drainage study be done by Mack Parker at a cost of \$3,500.00 for the study. Each involved party would pay a third of the cost of the study. The Civic Center has agreed to this with the understanding that after their third is paid they would not be liable for any other costs incurred.

Alderman Means made a motion that the Village participate in one-third of the drainage study cost and that the Village at this time not obligate itself to any further costs past the study. Motion was seconded by Alderman Schrock. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 no, Alderman Mills.

7. Texas Municipal Retirement System Rate Change Ordinance

Mayor Ashe explained that the TMRS matching rate went from 1 ½-to-1 to 2-to-1 via passing the budget last month. An ordinance making the new rate effective has to be passed.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to adopt Ordinance No. 2004.17 changing the Village's contribution rate from 1 ½-to-1 to 2-to-1. Motion seconded by Alderman Epps; motion carried unanimously.


Announcements:


1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 21, 2004 at 6:30PM.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

