

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, December 11, 2008
5:00pm

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: 7

Mayor Stalcup called the meeting to order at 5:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. The Pastor from First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Peters made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated November 20th with the correction of showing the next scheduled Board meeting was to begin at 5:00PM. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

Judge Engleking swore-in the new Chief of Police, Jack Hensley.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

1. 2007 – 2008 Audit Report

Nathan Pringle with Williams, Cunningham, Shavers & Christensen accounting firm presented the results of last fiscal years audit. Mr. Pringle found no miss-statements or problems with the Village or Hotel/Motel accounts. For the 2008-2009 fiscal year the Village will go to an accrual basis accounting.

2. Year-to-Date Financials

Alderman Peters stepped down from the Dias and went over the financials for both the Village account and the Hotel/Motel account. Alderman Peters explained accrual basis accounting. There were no objections to the financials.

3. Appointment of Tourism Council Alternate

Director Charbonneau stated that current Tourism Council alternate Charlie Turnbo has resigned. The Tourism Council recommends appointing Larry Prellop as his replacement. *Motion was made by Alderman Strong to appoint Larry Prellop as the Tourism Council Alternate. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

4. Imposition of Sales Tax for Communications

Alderman Peters explained the law and procedure for implementing a sales tax on telecommunication services. State law exempts telecommunications from sales tax, but allows local communities to repeal that portion of the code by a majority vote of the board and allow cities to implement a 1% sales tax on cellular communication and landline services. This information was presented for discussion only and may be looked at again during the next budget process.

5. Approval to Pursue Heavy Vehicle Ordinance

Alderman Walls stated that she has visited with Gerry Riehse and Jack Schrock, two citizens with ample knowledge of roads and heavy trucks, and would like to continue investigating the option of regulating heavy vehicles on city roads with these two gentlemen. The Board was in agreement to further investigate this option.

6. Legislative Action Committee Report

Alderman Strong presented a written report of the committees' activities. The committee is still looking into doing a bill attachment that would allow Salado to expand its city limits. Alderman Strong felt that now is the time to act if Salado is going to go forward with this legislation.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to pursue filing a bill attachment as stated above. At the moment there is no cost to the Village other than minimal mileage reimbursement. When the time comes to involve the Villages attorneys this issue will be brought back to the Board for approval to spend funds. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of Member to Planning & Zoning Commission

Three citizens submitted an application to be appointed to the Villages P&Z Commission, Danney McCort, Robert Denman, and Pete Stebbins.

Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to appoint Danney McCort to the Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters, motion carried 3 to 2 with Alderman Strong and Alderman Cooper opposing.


Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 8, 2009 at 6:00PM. The two meetings in January are moved back a week due to the first regularly scheduled meeting falling on New Years Day. The Board also agreed to move the time of the Board meetings up to 6:00PM instead of 6:30.

Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Merle Stalcup
Mayor