## Village of Salado Salado Municipal Building 301 North Stagecoach Road Salado, Texas Minutes of Special Meeting of Board of Aldermen September 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Michael Coggin. The meeting was conducted in person and by videoconference. Public participation was also available via videoconference.

Board Members Present: Mayor Michael Coggin, Mayor Pro-tem Rodney Bell, Aldermen Paul Cox, D. Jasen Graham, and Jason Howard attended in person. Alderman John Cole was absent.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson

## **Public Hearing**

Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2021 Tax Year to help fund the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget for the Village of Salado. (Village Administrator)

Mayor Coggin introduced the item and Village Administrator Ferguson reviewed the proposed tax rates:

• Total rate of \$0.4953 (3.8 cents lower than the current tax rate of \$0.5339), consisting of a Maintenance & Operations (M & O) rate of \$0.1955 and a debt service rate of \$0.2998.

Village Administrator Ferguson explained that tonight's item is for public hearing only and advised the Board is scheduled to consider action at its meeting on September 16, 2021.

Mayor Coggin opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Michael MacDonald of 714 Rose Way spoke on the limited number of personnel and need for back-up for administrative duties during staff shortages. He said that he is not for or against creating an assistant administrator position, but understood the reasoning for creating the position, as he felt there is a need for a back-up in the event the Village Administrator is out of the office. He stated that he respected other community members' positions who do not agree and hoped everyone's opinions can be respected on both sides of the issue.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Coggin closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

## Adjournment

Mayor Pro-tem Bell moved to adjourn. Alderman Graham seconded. Mayor Coggin called the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Recorded by:

Don Ferguson

These minutes approved on the  $6^{th}$  of January, 2022.

APPROVED:

Michael Coggin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cara McPartland, City Secretary

