

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
December 21, 2023, 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 using videoconferencing. Public participation was available via videoconference.

Mayor Coggin gave the Invocation, and the Board of Aldermen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Members Present: Mayor Michael Coggin, Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Bell, Alderman Paul Cox, Alderman D. Jasen Graham, Alderman Bert Henry, and Alderman Jason Howard.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson, Police Chief Allen Fields, and Tourism Marketing Manager April Davis-Walker.

Salado Police Chief Allen Fields presented Officers John Oster and Edward Ferdin the Lifesaver Award for their actions on 11-11-2023.

1. Citizens Communications

Mayor Coggin recognized outgoing City Manager Don Ferguson for seven years of service to the Village. Representative John Carter sent a representative to also recognize Administrator Ferguson. State Representative Brad Buckley also spoke to the service Administrator Ferguson.

Larry Michels spoke regarding the Mustang Springs plat nonconformance with the development agreement and the subdivision ordinance in contradiction to what the Mayor and Village Administrator had stated.

Debbie Fieber encouraged the Board not to move forward with Mustang Springs Phase I until there is a plan in place for water and wastewater treatment.

2. Consent Agenda

- (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF DECEMBER

7, 2023.

This item was pulled from Consent Agenda.

- (B) APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO.
- (C) APPOINTMENT OF CATHY SANDS TO SALADO CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.
- (D) APPOINTMENT OF LINDA REYNOLDS TO THE SALADO CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.
- (E) APPOINTMENT OF CHERIE FLANAGAN TO THE SALADO CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.
- (F) APPROVAL OF THE 2024 VILLAGE OF SALADO HOLIDAY CALENDAR.

Alderman Cox questioned duplicate items on Item B Financial Statements. Administrator Ferguson explained those were lease and billboard expenditures.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Alderman Henry. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

3. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **2023 CHRISTMAS STROLL**
Administrator Ferguson reported the Stroll was problem free with a record crowd.
Expenditures for the Village totaled \$8066 including security, restrooms, and advertising. He expects to see a greater return in sales tax and hotel/motel tax.
- **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION**
1.5 million in EPA funds will be used for this to expand capacity to 300,000 gallons per day. The process is now different and will require rebidding the project.
- **SALES TAX COLLECTIONS**
The December check representing October sales was for \$61,986.
- **WATER'S EDGE PROJECT**
The water system had been tested and is now operational meaning fire protection now exists. The stop work order has been lifted.

- **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SIGNAGE**

The board was given a description of the signage and language as well as a sample of what the signs will look like.

- **VILLAGE OF SALADO CODIFICATION PROJECT**

This lengthy project is near completion and will be linked to the Village website.

Administrator Ferguson provided the Board with Capital Project Update which will also be provided to the new village administrator.

Alderman Howard requested modification to the PID sign.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell asked if the \$2700 spent on advertising for the Stroll was paid out of hotel/motel tax. Administrator Ferguson answered yes.

4. PRESENTATION

Police Chief Fields made a presentation regarding a Community Video Program using residential and business owner's security cameras to provide evidence and provide additional security for the community.

This would be through a volunteer, no cost partnership with citizens and business owners.

5. ORDINANCES

- (A) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AND FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, PROHIBITING AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING OR SOLICITATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: PURPOSE, FINDINGS OF FACT, SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.**

Mayor Pro Tem Bell questioned whether training would be provided to the Village police in dealing with these situations. Administrator Ferguson replied that police staff would receive training regarding empathy and enforcement. Alderman Cox moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Second by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, none opposed.

- (B) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, TO AMEND THE VILLAGE'S NOISE REGULATION ORDINANCE; AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Administrator Ferguson said the current noise ordinance was very vague and needed to be more specific. This ordinance was flagged during the codification process for amending during review. Alderman Graham moved to approve the revised ordinance as written. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. All approved and motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, none opposed.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR PHASE I OF THE MUSTANG SPRINGS DEVELOPMENT.

This item was tabled at the last meeting. Plans are approved and inspections have now been completed. Mayor Coggins asked if the village council and engineers had approved this. Administrator Ferguson assured him that it had been.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell moved to approve Plans for Phase 1 of the Mustang Springs Development with weekly inspections by our engineer throughout Phase 1. Seconded by Alderman Cox.

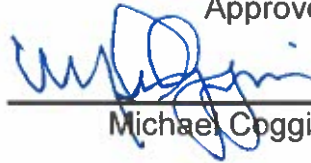
Discussion: Alderman Cox questioned if once a week was appropriate. Administrator Ferguson replied that once a week was reasonable.

Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor 2 opposed. Opposing votes cast by Alderman Howard and Alderman Henry.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Coggin, Mayor

Attest:


Debra Bean, City Secretary