

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
March 7, 2024, 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 as well as YouTube. 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 Manuel De La Rosa, City Secretary Debra Bean, Police Chief Allen Fields, and Tourism Marketing Manager April Davis-Walker.

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) Approval Of Minutes of The Board of Aldermen Meetings On December 21, 2023, January 18, 2024, February 1, 2024, February 8, 2024, and February 15, 2024.
- (B) Approval Of the Removal of Former Village Administrator Donald Ferguson From All Village Bank Accounts.
- (C) Approval Of Texpool Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives with Manuel De La Rosa and Kristi Stegall.
Motion made by Alderman Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ANY ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None were removed.

4. STATUS REPORTS

(A) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- UPDATE ON PACE PARK ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

Mr. De La Rosa gave an update on the All-Abilities Playground completion including signage that was created in conjunction with Texas Parks and Wildlife. He is currently working on meeting with donors, ordering the plaque and looking at dates for a grand opening/ribbon cutting.

Mr. De La Rosa also presented an update on GIF maps.

(8) POLICE CHIEF STATUS REPORT

- CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

Police Chief Fields reported a total of 408 calls for service, 42 citations, and 50 House Watch checks.

- LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM UPDATE

There were 43,966 license plate images captured with 66 system alerts.

- ANNUAL REPORT

(9) TOURISM DEPARTMENT REPORT

- SALADO MARKETING ACTIVITIES

April Davis Walker gave a report on the most recent marketing activities.

- VISITORS CENTER ACTIVITIES

There were 273 visitors for the month of February.

- UPCOMING EVENTS

Ms. Walker Davis shared plans for the upcoming Solar Eclipse which includes portable restrooms, washing stations and trash bins which have been secured for April 5-9.

Moved back to Item 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Grace spoke regarding his concerns for rock crushing happening at Mustang Creek. He reported there is road base being laid in unpermitted areas. Also, he said this is not all site prep but a limestone mining operation. He is concerned about the environmental impact on Mustang Creek. He also expressed concerns about his easement being changed. Mr. Grace stated that he would like to make a formal request that the village hold the developer accountable and follow the proper permitting procedures.

Returned to Item 5.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- (A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

The Board was presented a list of surplus items to be sold at auction. Alderman Howard inquired if that list was complete. Mr. De La Rosa said it is a work in progress. Motion by Alderman Henry to approve the list as written. Seconded by Alderman Cox. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO TO SERVE ON THE BELL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Alderman Henry explained that he had been asked about an alternate to this position. His recommendation is to appoint Christi Hurst. Motion made by Alderman Howard, seconded by Alderman Henry to appoint Christie Hurst as alternate representative to the Bell County Public Health District Board of Directors for a two-year term. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (C) DISCUSS AND RATIFY APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON (USAG) FORT CAVAZOS AND CENTRAL TEXAS SURROUNDING CITIES FOR CEN-TEX SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHP, EXPIRING 15 JULY 2034.

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Henry to approve the MOA as presented. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (D) DISCUSS AND RATIFY APPROVAL OF "SUSTAINABILITY PROCLAMATION" PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT MONTH.

Motion to approve the proclamation as written made by Alderman Graham, seconded by Alderman Henry. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (E) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC., STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

Mr. De La Rosa explained the services Bureau Veritas is currently providing and recommended approval of the agreement. Alderman Graham questioned the source of funding and the price tag. Mr. De La Rosa explained the cost depends on the services.

Motion to approve the services agreement as presented made by Alderman Henry, seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (F) DISCUSS AND RATIFY APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE WITH ROYAL VISTA INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,815.00.

Mr. De La Rosa stated this relates to the Stagecoach Circle drainage improvement project.

Motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$37,815.00 made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell, seconded by Alderman Henry. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (G) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING PAYING OFF THE BALANCE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL LEASING COMPANY, AGREEMENT NUMBER 2927G, POLICE 2020 CHEVROLET PPV TAHOE, LAST FOUR OF VIN 7016, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,064.99. Chief Fields explained that he has discussed this with Ms. Stegall and funds are available for this purchase.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$9,064.99 made by Alderman Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (H) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON PETITION FOR SPEED HUMPS ON SMITH BLUFF ROAD.

Chief Fields explained that Mr. De La Rosa was presented with a petition requesting a speed bump be installed on Smith Bluff Road to assist in controlling speed. Chief Fields has done extensive research regarding this situation and reported the results of this research. He will be conducting a speed study using equipment from Belton. Some possible solutions are rumble strips, cautionary signage, speed feedback signs which blink if someone is driving too fast, or a speed bump/hump. A concern is a speed bump on a dark road with no street lighting. His recommendation is a 3-way stop at Smith Bluff Way and OW Lowry. Mr. De La Rosa explained that an ordinance is needed before placing a stop sign. Alderman Graham questioned if speeding was happening on one side or the other of the stop sign. Chief Fields said he would not know that information until a speed study has been conducted. Several residents made comments regarding the danger of the situation. Alderman Cox suggested a combination of a 3-way stop and signage. Mr. De La Rosa explained that the village can post thirty mile per hour signs automatically without approval from TxDOT. Mayor Coggin requested a first reading of an ordinance at the next BOA meeting. Alderman Howard expressed concern about the safety of the 3-way stop and suggested temporary rumble strips preceding the stop signs until the public is used to the change.

Motion made by Alderman Graham to authorize the Chief to take the necessary measures as discussed; 3-way stop, temporary rumble strips, speed study, 30 MPH sign. Then based off the speed study consider 25 MPH at a later date followed by an ordinance to bundle all this up. Second by Alderman Henry. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

Entered Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

- (A) SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.087 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTANTS AND DELIBERATE THE SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLANS FOR THE SANCTUARY EAST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.
- (B) SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.087 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND DELIBERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH STAGECOACH 1943, LP.
- (C) SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.087 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND DELIBERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MUSTANG SPRINGS UTILITY, LLC.
- (D) SECTIONS 551.071 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL DELIBERATE ON PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LONE STAR REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY.
- (E) SECTIONS 551.071 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND DELIBERATE POSSIBLE WATER BILL COST RECOVERY ACTIONS.

Reconvened in Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS DETERMINING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE FINANCED BY THE SANCTUARY EAST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; APPROVING A PRELIMINARY SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLAN, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL; CALLING FOR NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 4, 2024 TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA #1 OF THE SANCTUARY EAST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; DIRECTING THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH THE CITY SECRETARY TO MAKE SAID PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION; DIRECTING VILLAGE STAFF TO PUBLISH AND MAIL NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Cox. Motion carried by a vote of four in favor, one opposed. Alderman Howard cast the opposing vote.

- (B) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 6(8).
Motion made by Alderman Cox to table this item until a presentation on this matter has been made. Seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.
- (C) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 6(C).
Motion made by Alderman Graham to authorize Village Administration and Legal Counsel to enter into Economic Development negotiations with Mustang Springs Utility, LLC. Seconded by Alderman Henry. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.
- (D) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 6(0).
Motion made by Alderman Graham that the Village of Salado petition for membership in the Lone Star Regional Water Authority with Manny De La Rosa to serve as representative. Seconded by Alderman Cox. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.
- (E) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 6(E).
No action was taken due to lack of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coggin called the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Coggin, Mayor

Attest:



Debra Bean, City Secretary