

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
March 21, 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.*

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 Manual De La Rosa, City Secretary Debra Bean, Police Chief Allen Fields.

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Darlene Walsh expressed her concerns with the location of the future city hall and police building.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

(A) APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO.

(B) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2024.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented made by Alderman Cox. Seconded by Alderman Henry. 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
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS**

The sales tax check for March representing January was in the amount of \$56,048.00. The mixed beverage taxes also representing January totaled \$2,795.87. Mayor Coggin questioned when the hot-mix contractor will be on board. Mr. De La Rosa stated that he is currently waiting on two separate bids for hot patch repairs. He confirmed there is \$50,000 in the current budget for this item.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(A) PRESENTATION BY MRB GROUP ON THE NEW CITY HALL AND POLICE BUILDING.

Julia Evans and Randy Stumberg from MRB Group gave a presentation on the latest design for the new City Hall and Police Building. The current police building is not compliant. Mayor Coggin inquired about the price. The approximate cost is around \$240 per square foot. Mayor Coggin said he would like to see a covered, fenced area to park police vehicles. Mayor Coggin said the plan for financing is to sell the current property for the down payment and secure a loan and pay it off in seven years.

(B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON RATIFYING THE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BICKERSTAFF HEATH DELGADO ACOSTA LLP.

Motion made by Alderman Graham, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to ratify the Engagement Agreement as presented. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

(C) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER TO BE CAUSED BY THE APRIL 8TH, 2024, SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT.

Mr. De La Rosa explained how this declaration would protect the village in the event of a disaster caused by the solar eclipse. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell, seconded by Alderman Graham to approve the Declaration of Emergency and Disaster to Be Caused by The April 8th, 2024, Solar Eclipse Event with corrections. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

(D) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION THE 2024 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT TO MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS LINES RATES.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell expressed concerns about increasing the rates. Motion made by Alderman Howard, seconded by Alderman Henry to deny any action on the rate increase. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (E) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TASA) PROJECT, TO CONSTRUCTION A 6-FOOT-WIDE SIDEWALK ALONG MILL CREEK DRIVE FROM CHISHOLM TRAIL TO THE EXISTING SIDEWALK AT N. MAIN STREET.

Mr. De La Rosa explained the options available with this resolution. He recommends moving forward on this. Mayor Coggin expressed concerns over the fifteen percent design fee for a sidewalk. He felt it needed to be around eight percent. Mr. De La Rosa said he would look into it. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell, seconded by Alderman Henry, to approve the Resolution as presented. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (F) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO WILLIAMS ROAD FROM FM 2484 TO W. VILLAGE ROAD.

Motion made by Alderman Graham, seconded by Alderman Cox to approve the Resolution authorizing execution of an advance funding agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for the construction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible sidewalks adjacent to Williams Road from FM 2484 to W. Village Road as presented. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (G) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC.'S AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO.

Motion by Alderman Henry to table both Item (G) and (H) until more favorable terms can be reached. 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 APPROVING THE NOTIFICATION FROM OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF THE ANNUAL BASE FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE SIXTH CONTRACT YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2024, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LETTER AGREEMENT.

See Item (G) above.

Entered Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (A) SECTIONS 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING. TO DELIBERATE THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR.

Reconvened in Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

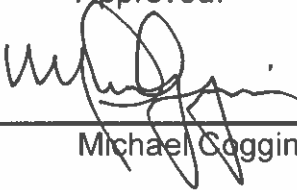
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (A) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 6(A).
Motion by Alderman Graham to proceed with the evaluation process as discussed, seconded by Alderman Cox. All approved and motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coggin called the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Coggin, Mayor

Attest:


Debra Bean, City Secretary