

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
August 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Henry.
The meeting was conducted in person and on YouTube.

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

Board Members Present: Mayor Bert Henry, Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Bell, Alderman Zach Hurst, and Alderman Michael MacDonald. Board Members Absent: Alderman D. Jasen Graham

Staff Present: Village Administrator Manual De La Rosa, City Secretary Debra Bean, Police Chief Allen Fields and Marketing, Tourism Manager Deanna Whitson and City Planner Gina Pence.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elizabeth Whitfield suggested the Village start charging for permits for golf carts to raise money.

Jim Boynton spoke of past administrators rejecting his building plans. He expressed his disappointment in Mayor Pro Tem Bell. He said what went on in Wimberley has now happened here. He said he had to threaten a lawsuit to build his children's house in the village. He said there is no solution except a tax increase.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

(A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2024, REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING.

(B) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING JULY 31, 2024
Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented made by Alderman MacDonald. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

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

None

4. **STATUS REPORTS**

(A) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

Sales tax collections for July representing May 2024 were \$83,152.00.

- PACE PARK ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND DEDICATION CEREMONY

Mr. De La Rosa reminded the Board to attend the dedication.

- PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION VACANCY

Mr. De La Rosa stated we are still trying to fill this position and will continue to outsource mowing until the position is filled.

(B) POLICE CHIEF STATUS REPORT

- CALLS FOR SERVICE

There were 381 calls for service.

- LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM UPDATE

There were 132,276 unique license plates read.

- DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Barrow Brewing hosted the "Cops & Robbers 5K" and raised just over \$3,100 for AED devices for patrol cars.

Mayor Henry returned to Public Comments. Maurine Garcia discussed the condition of the public water on the West side of town.

(C) TOURISM DEPARTMENT REPORT

- SALADO MARKETING ACTIVITIES

- VISITOR'S CENTER ACTIVITIES

- UPCOMING EVENTS

Mrs. Whitson explained the progress made on the QR codes.

5. WORKSHOP

(A) Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget

Mr. De La Rosa explained that the proposed budget was very lean. Mayor Henry explained that we have not had a balanced budget in about five years. The only positions added are a ½ time Public Works position. He explained that the highest line items are the police department.

(B) Proposed Tax Rate

(C) Public Comments/Public Hearing on 5(A) and 5(B)

No public comments were made.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- (A) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF BLUFF CIRCLE ROAD AS AN ASSET OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT DATED JULY 21, 2022, AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR BERT HENRY TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FROM GRANTOR, BLUFF CIRCLE HOMEOWNERS, INC., C/O PRESIDENT DANNY ALLEN.

Mayor Henry opened the floor for public comments. There were none. Motion made by Alderman Hurst to approve the acceptance of Bluff Circle Road as an asset of the village of Salado in accordance with roadway improvement agreement dated July 21, 2022, and authorizing Mayor Bert Henry to execute a special warranty deed from grantor, Bluff Circle Homeowners, Inc., c/o President Danny Allen. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (B) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ESCROW AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AND CELTS INTERNATIONAL LLC., REFERRED TO AS THE SALADO CENTER DEVELOPMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Mrs. Pence explained the terms of the agreement.

Mayor Henry opened the floor for public comments. Larry Michels questioned if it was intended for only commercial use. Mr. De La Rosa confirmed that it is for commercial use only.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve escrow agreement by and between the Village of Salado, Texas, and Celts International LLC., referred to as the Salado Center Development, and authorize the village administrator to execute the agreement. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS APPROVAL, AND REPEALING THE 2004 AND 2014 COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, AND PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Mrs. Pence explained that the 2019 Comprehensive Plan was never adopted by Ordinance, only by Minutes. Mayor Henry explained that by updating the plan in-house we are saving the Village about \$50,000. Mayor Henry opened the floor for public comments. Mike French questioned who will be able to view the updates before they take effect. Mr. De La Rosa said there will be Public Hearings as required by law.

Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve Ordinance No. 2024-10 as written. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2001.12 AND 2001.20 (THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE; CONFERRING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF MARSHALL UPON THE CHIEF OF POLICE; PROVIDING FOR THE SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS); AND PROVIDING FOR THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF UP TO TEN POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS; ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS; DECLARING THAT POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS ARE VOLUNTEERS AND SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Mayor Henry opened the floor for Public Comments. There were none. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve Ordinance No. 2024-11 as written. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, PROHIBITING TRESPASSING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Mr. De La Rosa gave an explanation of the ordinance.

Mayor Henry opened the floor for Public Comments. There were none. Motion made by Alderman Hurst to approve Ordinance No. 2024-12 as written. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (F) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("STATE"), AND THE VILLAGE OF CITY OF SALADO ("CITY") AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR BERT HENRY TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Mr. De La Rosa explained the purpose of the agreement. Our maintenance agreement is not current. This is to update the agreement to cover our current areas for streetlights, etc. He is recommending adoption and approval.

Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve the agreement as written. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (G) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE, RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-04, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 15, 2024 BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, FOR THE MAINTENANCE, CONTROL, SUPERVISION, AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAYS AND/OR PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT.

Mr. De La Rosa explained that this Resolution goes with the above agreement. Mayor Henry opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve Resolution Number 2024-04 as written. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

- (H) WORKSHOP AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, REGULATING WATER AND SEWER LINE EXTENSIONS, AND PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry called the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved:



Bert Henry, Mayor

Attest:



Debra Bean, City Secretary