

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
September 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bert 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 Zach Hurst, Alderman Neil Dunch, Alderman James Lassiter, Alderman Michael MacDonald, and Alderman Allen Sandor.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Manuel De La Rosa, Director of Administrative Services Gina Pence, City Secretary Teresa Spinks, Police Chief Allen Fields, Convention and Visitors Bureau Manager Deanna Whitson.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amanda Organ with the Salado Chamber of Commerce provided updates on upcoming events. Public comments from Will Lowery, Salado resident and local business owner.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

(A) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman Dunch to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. 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.

Mayor Henry moved to Item 8. Executive Session.

Mayor Henry moved to Agenda Item 7.(I).

Mayor Henry moved to Agenda Item 7.(K).

4. PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE AS PUBLISHED IN THE

VILLAGE VOICE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Public hearing opened at 9:06 p.m. Public comments from Jack Comeaux, Salado resident. No additional public comments. Public hearing closed at 9:12 p.m.

5. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- SALES TAX COLLECTION UPDATE
- OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

6. STAFF REPORTS

(A) PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

(B) PRESENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS; DECLARING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Public comments by Jack Comeaux, Salado resident and Michael Tice, non-resident. Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve Option 2 as written. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hurst. Motion does not carry.

	Option 1	Option 2
Alderman Dunch		No
Mayor Pro Tem Hurst		Yes
Alderman Lassiter		No
Alderman MacDonald		Yes
Alderman Sandor		No

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman Lassiter to approve Option 1 as written. Seconded by Alderman Sandor.

	Option 1	Option 2
Alderman Dunch	Yes	
Mayor Pro Tem Hurst	No	
Alderman Lassiter	Yes	
Alderman MacDonald	No	
Alderman Sandor	Yes	

Motion carried by a vote of three in favor of Option 1, two opposed.

- (B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, SETTING A PROPERTY (AD VALOREM) TAX RATE; APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVY OF \$0.4231 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR TO SUPPORT FUND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DISABLED OR 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO ASSESSOR; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman Dunch to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Sandor. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Sandor. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS REPEALING ORDINANCE 2002.09, RESOLUTION R-2015-123, AND PRIOR INVESTMENT POLICIES ADOPTED BY MOTION; AND ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND DESIGNATING AN INVESTMENT OFFICER; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY, INJUNCTIONS, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Sandor. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COLLECTION BETWEEN TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, REGARDING THE SANCTUARY EAST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PID).

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman Dunch to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Lassiter. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (F) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-11 (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.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Sandor. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (G) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2016.15, "INTENTIONAL FEEDING AND DISPOSAL OF DEER," AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman Dunch to approve as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hurst. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (H) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, TO REPEAL THE VILLAGE'S NOISE REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2008.07; AND TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE TEXAS PENAL CODE CHAPTER 42 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RELATED OFFENSES) AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

No action taken.

- (I) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NOS. 2018-08, 2017-12, 2015-01, AND 2011-05 REGULATING ITINERANT VENDORS, PEDDLERS, AND MOBILE FOOD VENDORS; AND PROVIDING PERMIT FEES; FINDINGS OF FACT; PENALTIES EFFECTIVE

DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Public comments from K.D. Hill, Salado resident and local business owner and Will Lowery, Salado resident and local business owner. Josh Katz with Bickerstaff present to provide additional clarification on legislative changes. Motion made by Alderman Dunch to approve after removing the section on special events. Motion died for lack of second. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Hurst to approve as written to exempt single family residences as well as businesses operating within their present business models. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald.

	YES	NO
Alderman Dunch		X
Mayor Pro Tem Hurst	X	
Alderman Lassiter		X
Alderman MacDonald	X	
Alderman Sandor		X

Motion died. No action taken. Mayor Henry tabled for a later meeting. Suggestion by Village Administrator and agreed to by Mayor Henry to schedule a Special Called Meeting for September 30, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

- (J) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SHORT TERM PROPERTY RENTED FOR PERIODS OF TIME LESS THAN A MONTH; PROVIDING FOR A FINE UP OF UP TO \$2,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION; PROVIDING THIS ORDINANCE BE CUMULATIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY, INJUNCTIONS, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No public comments. Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve as presented. Seconded by Alderman Dunch. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

- (K) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF PAMPA INVESTMENT GROUP LP FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES; PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 58572.

Wendy Harvel, attorney with Pampa Investments Group AP was present to answer questions. No public comments. Motion made by Alderman Dunch to approve the request to all the rates to take place for all customers with the effective date of October 7, 2025. Motion seconded by Alderman Sandor. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL ENTER A CLOSED, EXECUTIVE SESSION TO

DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071, TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING CITY OF GEORGETOWN RELEASE OF WATER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN VILLAGE OF SALADO'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

Village Administrator recommended including Agenda Item 7.(I), pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with City Attorney.

Executive Session convened at 6:41 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvened Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

- (A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 8(A).

No public comments. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Hurst directing Village Administrator to continue conversations with City of Georgetown regarding release of water CCN. Seconded by Alderman Dunch. Motion carried by a vote of five in favor, none opposed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry called the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Approved:


Bert Henry, Mayor

Attest:


Teresa Spinks, City Secretary



CERTIFICATE OF MINUTES

Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting

September 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BELL

I, Teresa Spinks, the current City Secretary of The Village of Salado, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting held on September 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., and that said minutes were duly approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 2nd day of October, 2025 and is kept in the Official Records of the Village.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of October, 2025.



Teresa Spinks, City Secretary

