

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Monday, December 4, 2000
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Dr. Raymond Carver, Rick Ashe, Mike Cooper, Alan Rogers

Members Absent: Jackie Mills, Vic Means

Others Present: A crowd of concerned citizens

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Douglass. Quorum determined.
2. The November 27, 2000 meeting minutes were discussed and no objections were noted. Alderman Ashe recommended that the minutes be approved, 2nd by Alderman Cooper.
3. Mayor Douglass said that she had not been contacted by anyone previous to this meeting regarding concerns that need to be addressed. She will post a sign up sheet on the front of the Salado Civic Center for concerned citizens to request future presentations be permitted, or issues be discussed.
4. Mayor Douglass said the hotel / motel and bed and breakfast (B&B's) taxes would not be addressed at tonight's meeting. She said that the Board is currently in a fact finding mode regarding this topic. Several citizens voiced their concerns regarding this issue and were assured that no decisions had been made yet. Rodney Russell, owner of a local bed and breakfast, suggested that a "sunset rule" to periodically review such a tax be considered, that the Board recognize that numerous B&B's are not within the incorporated area, and that any such tax passed should not "kill the golden goose".
5. Mrs. Garrett, a concerned citizen and owner of the Salado Antique Mall, requested that the Board consider approval of a sign which would not meet

Ordinance 2000.02 requirements. She said she has already paid \$2,700 for a 20 foot tall sign to be installed along IH 35 access road behind the Salado Antique Mall. Alderman Cooper and Alderman Ashe suggested that Mrs. Garrett submit to Mayor Douglass a picture of the structure, the paid receipt, a placement diagram, dimensions and any other pertinent information for consideration by the Board.

6. Alderman Carver said that to date he had contacted Heartland Cable / Direct Television, TXU Electric, Sprint, Centrovision, Salado Water, Best Propane, Clawson Disposal, and Eagle Disposal regarding franchise fees. Every company, with the exception of Heartland Cable /Direct Television, responded positively. Alderman Cooper expressed concern regarding whether or not Heartland has a choice to not pay fees. Alderman Carver said that their initial explanation made sense at the time. Sewage fees may also apply if a system is installed within the Historic District. Mayor Douglass explained that the Brazos River Authority and local Bell County officials are currently involved in a feasibility / engineering study to install a system within the Historic District. She said, if approved and installed, it would be available on a totally voluntary basis to businesses and / or residents there. A meeting on this topic is scheduled for next week at the Salado Mansion restaurant.

7. Alderman Carver said that, although the current Historic District Guidelines were developed by well intending Salado citizens with professional input, they are outdated and unenforceable. He suggested that a six month moratorium on commercial building be adopted. Alderman Ashe suggested that Texas zoning guidelines be reviewed. Alderman Cooper said he talked to Lee Graham, Temple city attorney, who suggested we appoint a planning and zoning commission to complete, in a timely manner, a comprehensive plan for review and discussion. He was concerned about implementing a legally binding moratorium. Mayor Douglass suggested they look at Wimberly and meet in January with Mr. Rice, a zoning expert from the University of Houston, who has offered free help. Alderman Cooper suggested they also talk to Troy.

8. Alderman Ashe said potential office locations mentioned during the last meeting "fell through" with the exception of the old Book Winkle space. Alderman Cooper expressed a need for a permanent secretary in the office.

Six computers and a copier from the Temple VA were given to Alderman Mills as donations to Salado.

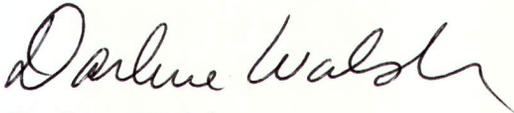
9. Mayor Douglass asked Aldermen to list their philosophy, goals, and priorities for Salado. She asked that goals be realistic, measurable and understandable. The Board will discuss lists at a later meeting.

10. Mayor Douglass said she has been contacted by a sign company to meet and discuss Ordinance 2000.02 and also by Texas Environmental Waste Solutions of Temple concerning becoming a sole provider of waste pickup. She told them Texas Environmental Waste Solutions are welcome to advertise and compete in the local community, but that she does not believe we wish to have a sole provider of any service at this time.

11. Mayor Douglass said the next Board meeting is Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m., although another date may need to be determined due to Christmas season related conflicts.

Meeting adjourned at around 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Walsh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Darlene Walsh