

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Monday, December 18, 2000
Meeting 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Dr. Raymond Carver, Rick Ashe, Jackie Mills, Mike Cooper, Vic Means

Members Absent: Alan Rogers

Others Present: Victoria-Wright Fowler, reporter for the **Salado Village Voice**, Robert Denman, Dick Sweezy and Bradley Scott with Shiloh Sign Company

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Douglass. Quorum determined.
2. Following a change to #8 from January 6 - 7 to January 16 -17, Alderman Ashe moved to accept the December 11, 2000 meeting minutes, 2nd by Alderman Mills. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Denman addressed Aldermen concerning plans to construct a 4,000 square foot retail one story building at the corner of North Main Street and Mill Creek Drive. John Kahutek is the contractor of the metal building with limestone front commercial structure. Construction begins early January 2001. Alderman ~~za~~ thanked Mr. Denman for sharing plans and noted that building guidelines for Salado are not yet in place.
4. Mayor Douglass said lighting for the Conoc~~o~~ sign will be internal and that pump lights, which will be above the pumps and aimed straight down, "will not be obnoxious". She said the plastic station sign will be under 12 feet tall. Alderman Cooper said the sign, which is similar to other gas station signs, will require a variance to Ordinance 2000.02. He moved to give Conocco a variance, 2nd by Vic Means. Motion passed.

5. Charles Evans said the charge for 5mb of space for a town web site is \$5 per month. However, extensive additions or revisions to the site could necessitate an additional \$20 per hour charge if requests by the Board require he hire expert help. The Board requested Mr. Evans have e-mail addresses for each alderman available on the web site. Alderman Cooper will develop a service contract for the Salado web site.

6. Mayor Douglass said the Board needs to provide Mr. Mathews of First State Bank ~~town~~ information to receive a line of credit. Alderman Cooper moved to authorize Mayor Douglass and Mayor Pro Temp Means establish a line of credit not to exceed \$50,000, 2nd Alderman Cooper. Motion passed.

7. Mr. Bradley Scott requested the Board approve a variance to sign Ordinance 2000.02 for him to install a pole billboard sign at the south property line of Auto Excellence, 1435 N. Stagecoach. This location is adjacent to the Casey housing area. Mr. Scott shared letters received from TxDOT. The first letter dated September 8, 2000 was for a permit at this site while the second letter dated September 25, 2000 required local regulations be observed, and approval be obtained, prior to sign installation. Mr. Scott said he waited until local officials were elected and installed to request permission. Alderman Means commended Mr. Scott for coming to the Board with his request but said it would adversely effect future billboard requests. Darlene Walsh, secretary, asked if Mr. Scott could have placed a bill board sign at this site prior to Salado incorporating. He stated a sign could not have been placed there prior to incorporation because TxDOT rules concerning sign proximity to ramps, and distance between them, change once an area is incorporated. Alderman Cooper said he too appreciated Mr. Scott approaching the Board but he felt Aldermen oppose the sign. Alderman Carver said there is no compelling reason to approve the sign. Alderman Ashe moved to grant the sign, 2nd by Jackie Mills. The request for a billboard sign by Mr. Scott was unanimously disapproved by the Board. Mayor Douglass encouraged Mr. Scott to approach the Board at the end of the sign moratorium in six months. Mr. Scott expressed concern over the two billboard signs installed on the West side of the highway after Salado incorporated since they also did not have official city approval. Mayor Douglass said she had recently been in contact with TxDOT regarding the signs and the cases were not dead. Alderman Cooper reminded attendees the signs in question were installed after incorporation but before the town had passed Ordinance 2000.02.

8. Mayor Douglass discussed Salado's recent power outage due to an ice storm that downed a major power line. Ideas were considered for handling future emergency situations in the Village to include establishing an emergency operations center. As an immediate measure, Mayor Douglass requested the Village Voice urge older and / or disabled citizens to take responsibility and notify their neighbor(s) of their status should an emergency arise. Also, until the town can develop and adopt an official emergency plan, she asked Aldermen to call her cell phone number should another emergency occur. A plan will quickly be developed to address the situation.

9. Mayor Douglass collected goals and objectives from Aldermen and said she will consolidate them for future discussion.

10. Committee members for the **Interim Building Guidelines Committee and Salado Planning Commission** were announced. Members will begin work, to include zoning and building codes, nlt the end of January 2001. Members are as follows: Alderman Carver, Chair; Vic Means; Bob Merrill; Suzie Epps; and Luther Brewer.

11. Other committee members were announced. They are as follows:

Marketing Committee: Alderman Mills, Chair; Jack Schrock; and Suzanne Petro; *John Hall*

Hotel / Motel Franchise Committee: Alderman Carver, Chair; Alderman Mills; Jane Wilmer; Joe Holt; and Patsy Sanford

Franchise Fees Committee: Alderman Carver, Chair; Hulda Horton; Harley Grimm; Pat Wanzor; and Rick Ashe

Budget Committee: Mayor Douglass, Chair; George McAulay; and Eldon Miller

12. Aldermen decided the Marketing Committee should develop the Village logo. Alderman Mills said she will approach village artists for help.

13. A closed session, as permitted under the Texas Open Meeting Law (2) and (3) on page 25 of the Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers, was

called by Mayor Douglass from 7:45 - 8:00 p.m. to address personnel and office lease space issues.

14. Alderman Means moved to approve paying the Chamber of Commerce up to \$800 per month for secretarial help. Following six months of rent free use of office space at the Civic Center, the Board and Chamber of Commerce will re-look the agreement. The motion was 2nd by Alderman Ashe. The motion passed with all but Alderman Mills in agreement.

15. Early voting for the Ordinance 2000.01 1% sales tax proposal begins January 3, 2001 at the Salado Civic Center. Aldermen discussed the need to advertise the election in the Village Voice.

16. The next meeting of the Salado Village Board of Aldermen is scheduled for January 2, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene Walsh". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Darlene Walsh