

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Thursday, May 3, 2001
6:30pm

Members Present: Vic Means, Alan Rogers, Rick Ashe, Jackie Mills, Charlotte Douglass, Michael Cooper

Members Absent: Raymond Carver

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Rita Oden – Century 21, several citizens

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Douglass. Quorum determined.
2. Motion was made by Alderman Means to approve the previous meeting minutes as submitted, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.

Presentation by Citizens:

There were none.

Consent Items:

There were none.

Old Business:

1. Alderman Mills informed the Board that B. Tamays from Lampasas was the man who submitted the winning logo for the village. The Board agreed on the logo and decided the go with black & white. Motion was made by Alderman Mills to adopt the logo submitted by Mr. Tamays as the Salado Village logo, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.
2. Mayor Douglass commented that it would not be financially feasible to have the new village logo on the police badges. A standard police badge would do fine. The Board agreed to attempt to have the new logo put on a village seal. If not possible a standard seal would be used.
3. Mayor Douglass provided each Board member with a copy of the contract made on the property at 313 N. Robertson Rd. Mayor Douglass made an offer of \$105,000.00, the owner made a counter offer of \$107,500.00. First State Bank has not yet given closing cost. Closing will be on June 29, 2001. Alderman Means made a motion to accept the \$107,500.00 asking price for the property at 313 N. Robertson Rd. and to give approval to Mayor Douglass to ask for a smaller down payment and an extended term, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried. Mayor Douglass presented to the Board a revised budget showing income and expense from Oct. 2000 to end of April 2001 vs. anticipated income and expense from May 2001 to September 2001. Once the typo was corrected the total net at end of Sept. would be \$26,369.00.
4. Marshall Rogers informed the Board that he was waiting on copies of Morgan's Point Ordinances which eliminates the Marshall position and establishes a police department to use as a guide line for our ordinances. Marshall Rogers also informed the Board that he has checked on advertising costs for the Chief of Police position and it is more than anticipated. Alderman Ashe suggested that the Board send out notices to area police stations. Alderman Cooper will draw up

two ordinances to present at the next Board meeting, one to eliminate the Marshall position and one to establish a police department.

Marshall Rogers also informed the Board that he has had three inquiries about a police Reserve Program being formed in Salado. This program is a volunteer program. The Village would supply reserve officers with uniforms and equipment.

5. Mayor Douglass brought the Board's attention back to the revised budget to note the police protection section. Mayor Douglass went through the police budget items, which amounted to a start up expense of \$48,625.00. That number is through the end of the fiscal year.

6. Mayor Douglass tabled the agenda item of Consideration of Amendment to Burn Permit Ordinance No. 2001.08 until she has spoken with Fire Chief Rutherford. Dianna did brief the Board on some questions that came up during the issuance of the first two permits. One item was a question of liability if a fire got out of hand. Alderman Cooper felt that the Government Immunity Act would release the Board members and fire department from any liability if a burn caused unwanted personal or property damage.

7. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that Ordinance No. 2001.01, Interim Building Ordinance, has expired and requested that the Board exercise section nine of the ordinance, which gives the Board the option to extend the ordinance an additional ninety days. Motion was made by Alderman Means to extend Ordinance No. 2001.01 an additional ninety days, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried. Mayor Douglass will write a letter confirming the extension and new expiration date.

8. Alderman Mills provided the Board with an updated (4/30/01) copy of the draft for the Salado Tourism Council Rules and Regulations for the Board's review. Alderman Cooper provided a copy of an Ordinance, which would enact and levy a 4% Hotel/Motel tax for the incorporated area. Alderman Cooper went over the ordinance for the Board. Alderman Cooper informed the Board that according to state law there can be no "grand fathering" for reservations guests might have made or even paid for prior to the tax being effective. All lodging facilities must start collecting hotel/motel tax once it's been enacted from all of their guest. Mayor Douglass will write a notification letter to send out to lodging facilities notifying them of the tax effective date. Motion was made by Alderman Mills to approve and enact the Hotel/Motel Tax ordinance (No. 2001.10) presented with the deletion of section 20-13, Appointment of Initial Board of Salado Tourism Council. Motion was 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried. Tax will be effective June 1, 2001.

9. Alderman Means brought to the Board's attention that wording in Ordinance No. 2001.07, Part I, section A, needed to be omitted. Motion was made by Alderman Means to write an amendment to this ordinance taking out the words "perform any electrical, plumbing or mechanical work on any structure,..." Motion was 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Mayor Douglass tabled the agenda item on information on franchise fees from the Salado Water Corp. due to them not being ready to make their presentation.

2. Alderman Means distributed to each Board member a memo from the Historic District committee of the Salado Historical Society and an Ordinance they drew up proposing a redefining of the boundaries of the historical district to coincide with the incorporated district of Salado. Alderman Means asked the Board to read the information for discussion at a later date.

3. Mayor Douglass passed out a Bribery Statement form to each Board member and asked each to sign it and have it notarized and return it to the Village office by Tuesday to be mailed to the Secretary of States office.

Announcements:

1. School Board and Library election is Saturday, May 5th. A statement declaring incumbents re-elected to the Village office positions will be posted on Saturday.

2. The next Village Board meeting will be May 17th. Swearing in of the Mayor, Alderman, and Marshall will be at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary