

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Meeting Minutes**

Salado Civic Center Auditorium  
Thursday May 17, 2001  
6:30pm

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Vic Means, Rick Ashe, Jackie Mills, Raymond Carver, Alan Rogers

Members Absent: Michael Cooper (present from 6:30 – 6:45)

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Judge John Burrows, Commissioner Tim Brown, Ricky Preston – Salado Water Corporation

At 6:30PM Judge Burrows presided over the swearing in ceremony for the Board of Aldermen, the Village Marshall, and the Mayor positions. Those sworn in were incumbents.

Mayor Douglass recognized each Board member for their diligent hard work. Each Board member that headed a committee passed out certificates of appreciation to the volunteer members of their committees.

Mayor Douglass called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:10PM, quorum determined.

Alderman Ashe made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Means, motion carried.

There were no Presentations by Citizens.

**Consent items:**

1. Mayor Douglass officially appointed Eldon Miller as Treasurer for the Village of Salado.
2. A Resolution was drawn up for authority to purchase property for the Village and all that goes with it.
3. A Proclamation congratulating SISD students on their UIL achievements was presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Means to accept and approve these three consent items as submitted and read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Carver, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Mayor Douglass reported on the progress of the purchase of the property at 313 Robertson Rd. for use as a police department, a municipal court, and interim office space. First State Bank agreed to 10% down for 10 or 15 years, closing cost around \$700.00, and an interest rate of 6.5%. The Village will rent the property for the month of June for \$600.00 and close the end of June.
2. Mayor Douglass gave the Board an update on the Village Liability & Property Insurance. TML carries the insurance. Once the property is purchased and police equipment is acquired the

insurance premium will go up. Risk Management division will have a quote by June 1<sup>st</sup> on what the Village insurance should be. Increases will be done in increments as the Village acquires assets. Hancock Insurance will present a packet on bonding around June 1<sup>st</sup> as well. Mayor Douglass will also asked local insurance agencies to give bids on an insurance package for the Village.

3. Marshall Rogers informed the Board that notices on the job of Police of Chief opening have gone out. Ads will be placed in two surrounding newspapers if nothing comes from the notices mailed to surrounding police departments. No word yet on a free police car from Volvo. The Board hopes to hire a Chief of Police by August 1, 2001.
4. Mayor Douglass read the description of Ordinance No. 2001.12 abolishing the Marshall position and establishing a police department. The Marshall position is active until a Chief of Police is hired, his term of office has expired or he quits. Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to accept and approve Ordinance No. 2001.12 as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Means, motion carried.
5. Alderman Mills informed Charles Allen, the Village website builder, that feed back on the new website was that the address was too long. Mr. Allen suggested the Board get their own "domain" which would allow for a shorter and easier to remember web address. Mr. Allen was guessing about \$70 to acquire own domain and about \$20/month after that using VVM out of Temple. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to write down what they think should be on the Village website (and what links) and turn it in to her. Alderman Mills will continue to work with Mr. Allen on a new web address.
6. Alderman Ashe informed the Board that a question of liability was brought up concerning the burn permitting. According to TNRCC rules liability of damages or injury caused by permitted burning is the responsibility of the individual who took out the permit and is doing the burning. Alderman Mills commented that possibly most Saladoans were not aware that they can dispose of burn items by adding them to their waste disposal pickup. Alderman Ashe also presented an amendment to Ordinance No. 2001.07, burning permits, which clarifies that people may burn tree limbs and leaves from their own yard in their own yard. It also gives the Fire Chief the authority to issue the permit for as long as needed to complete the burn.  
Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford stated that resulting from talks with TNRCC, in Ordinance 2001.07, paragraph "d", item 2, which talks about contacting TNRCC for their permission to burn, the Village needs to change TNRCC to SVFD in that paragraph.  
Alderman Ashe suggested that the Board table this amendment. He will make the change of TNRCC to SVFD then resubmit the amendment ordinance.
7. Mayor Douglass passed out a new revised budget which contained a line item "contingency" of \$1000.00. Mayor Douglass told the Board that a call from the State Comptrollers office informed her that beverage taxes are back dated to date of incorporation. So there will be monies coming in that were not considered when revising the budget. Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept and approve the revised budget for the remainder of the fiscal year dated May 17<sup>th</sup> as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Mills, motion carried.

#### New Business:

1. Alderman Carver introduced Mr. Ricky Preston from the Salado Water Corporation who presented a 2% franchise fee to the Village starting the date of incorporation. Alderman Carver read the description of the ordinance drawn up for this franchise fee. Mr. Preston addressed the Board regarding how the water corporation would pay the fee and gave a rough estimate of

\$3,400/year in fees to the Village. A motion was made by Alderman Carver to accept and approve Ordinance No. 2001.11 granting the Village a Franchise Fee of 2% from the Salado Water Corporation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Means, motion carried.

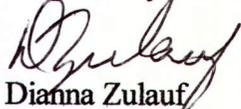
2. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the Board of Alderman have been invited to participate in Belton's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Mayor Douglass will participate.
3. Mayor Douglass asked for volunteers to attend a training session on City Councils put on by the Association of Mayors, Council Members, and Commissioners Institute Training in Wichita Falls, July 19-21. Mayor Douglass and Alderman Means will attend.
4. Mayor Douglass, in preparation for creating a budget for the new fiscal year, gave each Board member a guidance sheet for them to fill out to use in creating a new budget. These guidance sheets are due back to the Mayor July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to be thinking about goals for the village. The Budget committee will have a proposed budget by August. Public Hearings will be in September.
5. Alderman Carver reported that TXU is preparing to upgrade electrical lines in Salado by installing larger cables.
6. Alderman Carver reported that Sprint is seriously dragging their feet on proposing a franchise fee to Salado. This is the last franchise fee to be established in Salado.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary