

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Thursday June 7, 2001
6:30pm

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Vic Means, Rick Ashe, Raymond Carver (7:05), Michael Cooper

Members Absent: Jackie Mills, Alan Rogers

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, John Obr – TxDOT, Melanie Kirchmeier sat in for Chine Ray – Chamber of Commerce, Brenda Rogers sat in for Alan Rogers. Several citizens present.

Mayor Douglass called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:30PM, quorum determined.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as submitted, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

There were no Presentations by Citizens.

Consent items:

There were none.

Old Business:

1. Alderman Ashe gave an update on candidates for the Chief of Police position. Four applicants have applied so far. A committee is set up to begin interviewing next week. Alderman Ashe hopes to have a candidate in front of the Board by July 1st. Mr. Simpson, the owner of Big Tex Auto, has donated a '91 Chevy police car to the village. A letter of thanks to Mr. Simpson will be written.
2. Alderman Cooper submitted to the Board an Ordinance to extend the time frame on Ordinance No. 2000.02, sign regulations, until December 31, 2001. Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept and approved this ordinance as submitted, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.
3. Mayor Douglass reported on the progress of the village website. A suggestion was made to her that the village website have a link to the Chamber website. The Board agreed to create the link.
4. Alderman Ashe submitted to the Board an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2001.08, Burn Permits. The ordinance (1) adds limbs and leaves may only be burned on the property they came from, (2) gives clarification that citizens may burn storm damage material, and (3) gives the SVFD the authority to dictate how long each burn permit is good for (the duration of the burn), (4) that household trash can not be burned at any time in the Village of Salado. Motion made by Alderman Ashe to accept and approve the amendment ordinance 2001.13, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.
5. Mayor Douglass submitted to the Board a summary page received from TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool. The summary is a Bid/Proposal to increase insurance coverage for the village due to the purchase of property, hiring of police chief, police car, etc. This proposal reflects a Total

Annual contribution of \$6,592.12 made in quarterly payments of \$1,699.00. Mayor Douglass is waiting on a few more proposals.

6. Mayor Douglass introduced John Obr with the Texas Department of Transportation. Mr. Obr displayed blueprints of a narrow option and a wide option for the reconstruction of IH35. Mr. Obr defined the trade-offs between the narrow and wide options and answered questions from citizens about each.
7. Alderman Carver informed the Board that once a franchise fee begins with Sprint it should bring in approximately \$50,000.00 per year. Alderman Carver discussed with each Board member the proposed line rates submitted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Alderman Carver suggested that the Board return the proposal to PUC of Texas as accepted. Alderman Cooper framed an ordinance accepting and adopting these terms, but TML suggested that the Board adopt a version from their office which does not deal strictly with phone companies but with all types of service companies franchises. Alderman Ashe moved that the issue be tabled until Board members have an opportunity to study the municipal right of way ordinance, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Alderman Carver nominated Alderman Vic Means for Mayor Pro-Tem, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, nomination carried. Alderman Means will be Mayor Pro-Tem again.
2. Alderman Cooper framed an Ordinance adopting two-year overlapping terms for Mayor and Aldermen, staggered. While reading the state statute, Alderman Cooper discovered that such ordinance was to be adopted first, then the election held, then Board members must draw straws for one year or two year terms. As Alderman Cooper interprets the legislation, the Board will not be able to draw lots until after the next May election. Alderman Carver suggested that someone call the secretary of state office to determine if a variance is possible so that the Board might draw straws sooner. Alderman Cooper volunteered to call the secretary of state office and ask for any variances to this law and get their guidance on what to do next. The Board did agree to adopt Ordinance No. 2001.15 adopting two-year staggered terms. Alderman Carver made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2001.15, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.
3. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that she has made the request to the Bell County Health Department for them to continue to do the inspecting and permitting of septic systems in Salado. A letter to them was written confirming this agreement. Mayor Douglass is looking into joining the Bell County Health District. They have submitted a membership fee based on Salado's population which was derived by a census for the entire Salado zip code. That population count is incorrect. Mayor Douglass is looking into Salado taking its own census.
4. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to reexamine the goals for the village already approved by the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Douglass will recommend removing goals which have been met and adding new ones from suggestions by the Board.
5. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the SBA is planning a Celebrate Salado event for October 6th to celebrate Salado's incorporation. It was also brought to her attention that next year, 2002, will be Salado's sesquicentennial.
6. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that she talked to TML about bonding our village treasurer, Eldon Miller. TML suggested that the Board call the Heartford Insurance Company for a public official bond of \$20,000.00. Alderman Cooper made a motion to go with Heartford Insurance Co.'s \$20,000.00 bond for the village treasurer, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Zulauf".

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary