

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Meeting Minutes**

Salado Civic Center Auditorium  
Thursday June 21, 2001  
6:30pm

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Vic Means, Rick Ashe, Raymond Carver, Michael Cooper

Members Absent: Jackie Mills, Alan Rogers

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Allen Rice sat in for Chine Ray – Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner Tim Brown, Mr. Farrell – Bell County Health District. Several citizens present.

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

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

Presentations by Citizens:

1. Allen Rice, Mill Creek Homeowners Assoc. President informed the Board that one of the rock pillars at the entrance of Mill Creek has been knocked down and asked the Board for permission to *not* erect another sign to replace it, simply create a small rocked flower bed instead. The Board agreed.
2. Neither Stan Drake nor Tim Hazard were present to make their requested presentation.

Consent items:

There were none.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Farrell with the Bell County Health District made a presentation to the Board on what the Health District is and what the options are for becoming a member of the health district. Mr. Farrell explained how Salado's membership fee would be calculated and what benefits Salado would have with being a member. The Board will review the information handed to them by Mr. Farrell and get back to him.
2. Mayor Douglass introduced County Commissioner Tim Brown who gave the Board input on TxDOT's widening of IH35. He explained the narrow option and the wide option, and gave his ideas on some additions that could be made on both options. Much discussion was made on entrance and exit ramps in Salado. Commissioner Brown has suggested to TxDOT that more exits in Salado be drawn into the plans. Reconstruction on the highway through Salado is scheduled to begin sometime around 2006. TxDOT intends to hold one more town meeting before making their decision on which option to go with.
3. Mayor Douglass and Alderman Carver submitted to the Board an Ordinance on Public Rights-of-Way for approval. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the right-of-way is from property line to property line. It will be the area between a road and someone's property line. Motion

was made by Alderman Carver to approve Ordinance No. 2001.16, Governing Construction of the Public Rights-of-Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Means, motion carried.

4. Mayor Douglass and Alderman Cooper submitted to the Board an Ordinance for Access Line Rates with the Public Utility Commission (a franchise fee with Sprint). The Board is waiting to hear from the Public Utilities Commission that both parties (PUC and Board of Alderman) are in agreement on the rates, then it will go to Sprint. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to approve Ordinance No. 2001.17, Granting a franchise to Sprint, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.
5. Alderman Ashe informed the Board that he and his committee have interviewed four candidates for the Chief of Police position. The committee was unanimous in their choice for Chief. Alderman Ashe asked the Board if they wanted to meet/interview any of the candidates before making their final recommendation. The Board did want to meet the top two. A Board of Alderman meeting will be set up for that purpose. Alderman Ashe also informed the Board that the police car that was donated to Salado has been to the shop and repairs to get it road worthy have been made and the "Village of Salado" put on the side has been done.
6. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that closing on the property on Stagecoach Rd will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Alderman Means will accompany Mayor Douglass at that closing. Alderman Means had an inspection of the property done. About \$1000.00 in repairs need to be made. The homeowners want to split the repair fees. Realtor Rita Brown has offered to share the cost of repairs with the property owners.
7. Alderman Ashe informed the Board that Bell County has agreed to continue to do the resurfacing of the roads at very reasonable rates. Alderman Ashe is still working on contracting with a company to do potholes.
8. Mayor Douglass submitted to the Board an Amendment Ordinance to Ordinance 2001.10, Hotel/Motel Tax. This amendment would require the lodging facilities to submit their tax reports to the Village quarterly as opposed to monthly. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to approve Ordinance No. 2001.18, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Means, motion carried.
9. Alderman Mills asked Mayor Douglass to table the Vote on Tourism Council.
10. Alderman Means suggested to the Board that the Board meet over at the new property (Police Dept. bldg) to discuss changes and needed repairs. It was agreed that the Board will meet at the new property on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30p.m.
11. Mayor Douglass submitted to the Board TML's increase in insurance premium due to the Village acquiring a police department. Their annual contribution bid is \$326.00 with a deductible of \$250.00. Mayor Douglass did seek bids from other local insurance carriers, but could not compete with TML's price. Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept TML's insurance price, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.
12. Alderman Carver presented to the Board a typed update on the progress of the Village's goals. Alderman Carver pointed out two new items listed on the goals, appropriate ceremonial events and form a committee to study the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission wet/dry issues.

#### New Business:

1. Alderman Means reported on the pre-proposal conference regarding the Comprehensive Plan he set-up and attended. Eleven requests for bids went out, five companies representatives attended. So far only one company has sent in their proposal. About five more proposals are expected by

deadline. Alderman Means committee will go through all of the proposals then come to the Board with their recommendation.

2. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the "Celebrate Salado" celebration that was scheduled for October has been cancelled. Since 2002 is Salado's sesquicentennial the Board and other Village leaders will work on a sesquicentennial celebration.
3. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that a Census committee needs to be formed. She will talk with Alderman Mills about heading that up.

Citizen George McAulay informed the Board that the Salado Business District Waste Water study committee will meet Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center at 9:00am.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulatif  
Village Secretary