

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Thursday, August 23, 2001
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Eldon Miller – Treasurer, Jim Reed – CTCOG, two citizens.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglass at 6:30pm. Quorum determined.

Alderman Means made a motion to accept and approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 9th, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.

Mr. Jim Reed with CTCOG was present to inform the Board that it would become Salado's responsibility to assign street addresses within the incorporated area for 911 purposes. Mr. Reed advised the Board that Salado and CTCOG needed to start the transition towards the Village doing their own addressing. Mr. Reed asked that the Board assign that responsibility to someone and then CTCOG would send someone out to train that person. Mr. Reed also stated that the other option was to ask CTCOG to continue to do the addressing for Salado and they would do that for a fee. The responsibility for addressing would be within the incorporated area only and not the E.T.J.

This meeting was one of two Public Hearings scheduled to review the upcoming fiscal year budget. Only three citizens were present. Chief Rogers pointed out to the Board that the dollar amount budgeted for "jail" expenses is estimated. It was calculated by an amount given by Bell County since it is their facilities that Salado will need to utilize in the event that someone is arrested in Salado and has to be incarcerated. Mr. McAulay asked about the dollar amount budgeted for "Reserve Officer". That is money budgeted to purchase a uniform for reserve officers. Mr. Fleischer asked about the \$25,000.00 budgeted for the Fire Department. Alderman Ashe explained that the Village must contract with the Fire Department for their services and that was the dollar amount requested by the Fire Department. Mr. Fleischer also asked about the \$12,000.00 budgeted for Professional Fees: Legal. Mayor Douglass explained that in the future the Board will need to hire an attorney to help with legal issues. Mr. Fleischer also asked how the Board calculated the Sales Tax income. Mayor Douglass explained that she used the sales tax income numbers from the Library. Mayor Douglass explained that the Occupancy Tax revenues is kept in a separate account and is not part of this budget.

The second Public Hearing is scheduled for the next Board meeting on September 6th.

Presentations by Citizens:

There were none.

Chief of Police Report – Alan Rogers:

Chief Rogers reported that the police department now has a TECLOSE number. A car radio and a hand held radio have been acquired. ID Cards and badges have been ordered. The computer for the police department has been ordered. The Comp center in Bell County has Salado in their system for dispatching. Notices for the deputy position have gone out. Currently there are two good applicants. Chiefs of Police by law have to attend a 40 hour course on how to be a Chief of Police. Chief Rogers is signed up to attend this course Sept. 16-21, 2001. Chief Rogers also informed the Board that he has gotten two estimates on a security system for the Municipal building. Chief Rogers explained the estimates. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to give Chief Rogers the authority to pick what he feels is the best system to use and go with it, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to write a policy giving Chief Rogers the authority to hire/fire reserve and/or deputy officer with the Board's advise and consent. 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Douglass reported that she attended the first Tourism Council meeting. The council wants to meet every couple of weeks. The Council is starting to work on their interim budget, grants for/with town organizations and hiring a Tourism Director.
2. Mayor Douglass reported on the meeting she and Alderman Means had with John Obr at TxDOT regarding the IH35 expansion. Mr. Obr reported that the feedback he was receiving from Saladoans was that most preferred the wide option. TxDOT is drawing up a new drawing of the expansion of IH35 through Salado which will show (coming from the south) the wide option to south of the creek then go to a narrow option.
3. Alderman Means reported that Dunkin Sefko has sent the Comprehensive Plan contract. Discussion was made on when to get Dunkin Sefko started. Alderman Cooper commented that their payment schedule was unclear in the contract and suggested that it be clarified. Alderman Cooper also expressed concern about the area of expenses in the contract. It is unclear that items such as color maps, extra visits, etc. are extra expenses that are in addition to the contract amount. The Board agreed to work out the contract before Dunkin Sefko begins. Alderman Means will arrange a meeting with Mr. Sefko to discuss these contract concerns.
4. Alderman Means reported that the progress on renovation to the Municipal building is going slow. Running phone lines has been completed as well as the carpentry. Electrical junction wires in the ceiling are the only thing left to do with the electrical.
5. Alderman Ashe reported that the county informed him that Salado had to purchase the gravel to resurface roads. Alderman Ashe asked Mr. Mackie to hold off resurfacing the roads until the spring. He will work on finding out where to get the rock and where to store it. Alderman Ashe reported that there is a large pothole at the corner of Guess Dr. and Melissa and asked the Board for authorization to go ahead and have that hole repaired before October 1st. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to spend about \$1,200.00 to repair the pothole at Guess Dr. and Melissa immediately, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Alderman Mills reported that she attended a meeting with TACVB. Alderman Mills talked about the booths and companies that were there. Alderman Mills gave the Board examples of what the TXACVB does and the benefits of being a member.

2. Alderman Ashe reported on a meeting he attended at the Red Cross Emergency Operation Center. Disaster mitigation and public education was discussed. RCEOC is planning to do a water safety course in May in Salado. They will also help with an Emergency Plan for Salado.
3. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that there is a Grant Workshop being held in Austin on October 5th and asked for volunteers to attend.
4. Mayor Douglass reported that Judge Duffield, Judge Svadlenak, Sherry Hill, and Phillip Arrien have expressed interest in being a Municipal Judge for Salado. Mayor Douglass asked each to submit a resume/letter outlining their qualifications.
5. Alderman Carver reported that he and the Mayor have met the new representative from TXU Electric. Alderman Carver also reported a conversation with a TML lawyer who indicated that city councils and Boards in Texas are not seeking to represent the interests of private citizens when deregulation of electric companies begins in 2002.

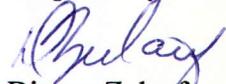
Meeting adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the Village Secretary position.
The Board re-convened into open session.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary