

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Thursday, November 1, 2001
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, George McAulay, Robert Denman, Stewart Smith – Attorney, Merle Stalcup

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

Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept and approve the previous meeting minutes dated Oct. 18th, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Mayor Douglass skipped down to item #2 in Old Business on the agenda. Mr. Merle Stalcup representing the Mill Creek Homeowners Association was present to address the Board regarding street signs in Mill Creek. About seventeen unused concrete street signs are available to be addressed, painted, and erected to replace missing or broken ones in Mill Creek. Mr. Stalcup will let Mayor Douglass know what the cost will be to erected the needed signs and will be put on the next agenda.

Board adjourned to go into Executive Session with Attorney Stewart Smith at 6:38 to discuss Status of Pending Legal Action by Shiloh Sign Company.

Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:20. No action was taken.

Mayor Douglass skipped down to item #4 in New Business to accommodate Alderman Carvers need to leave the meeting early.

Alderman Carver reported that he met with representatives of TXU Electric regarding transferring street light accounts from the Chamber to the Village's name and the regulations that will be in place once deregulation takes effect in January. Alderman Carver felt like the monies budgeted to pay for street lights is adequate. Alderman Carver made a motion to amend the title of line item 7300 "Utility – Streets" on the 2001-2002 Fiscal Year Budget to read Utility - Street Lights and Metered Outlets. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.

Report from Chief of Police:

Chief Rogers reported that the first non-paid police officer, Michael "Bruno" Matarazzo, was sworn in on Wednesday, October 31st. He will work about 20 hours per month patrolling during the times both paid officers are off duty and during special weekends coming up.

Chief Rogers and Officer Brown would like to implement a "House Watch" program and a "Business Contact Card" procedure. Chief Rogers explained what each program is and how it works.

Chief Rogers explained the procedure of how to get a hold of the police department/officer. He stated the phone number and explained how the "call forwarding" worked.

Chief Rogers is working on getting a radar. No speeding citations have been written yet.

Mayor Douglass went over the Monthly P&L Budget vs. Actual Financial Report. The Village took in \$6,085.00 more than budgeted for October. Expenses came in \$35,939.00 less than budgeted for October. There were some large expenses expected in October that did not come in.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Douglass reported that Mr. Pappas who lives next to the low water crossing in Mill Creek where the proposed barricade was being considered has stated that he feels like a swinging barricade is not necessary there and that the manual barricade is sufficient. He also suggested that if a barricade is going to be put in to put it in closer to the entrance of Mill Creek and not by his property.
2. Alderman Cooper has drafted a contract with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department and an Ordinance authorizing the Village to contract for emergency services with the Fire Department. The contract was drafted from the contract that the SVFD submitted earlier. Alderman Cooper added a clause holding the SVFD harmless in the event that a citizen claims they did not respond adequately yet the Village Board of Alderman feels that they did, and the clause holds the Village harmless if the SVFD doesn't adequately respond to a call. The contract also states that the SVFD has to maintain and stay current with all of their licenses and education courses. Both the contract and the ordinance were tabled until the SVFD has a chance to look it over.
3. Mayor Douglass suggested to the Board that an "open house" be held at the new Municipal Building on November 26th at 5:30pm. The Board agreed.
4. Mayor Douglass reported that she sent a certified letter to Mr. Bennie Williams at Robertson Ham's regarding their violation of the sign ordinance. Mayor Douglass made several calls to Mr. Williams with no response before finally getting hold of him. Mayor Douglass learned that Barry Williams, Bennie's son, is now proprietor of the business. Mayor Douglass spoke with Barry who informed her that he will be talking through his lawyer. Mayor Douglass sent another certified letter to Mr. Barry Williams informing him of the ordinance violation.

New Business:

1. Mayor Douglass turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Vic Means so that she could present a sign request for her business as a citizen to the Board. Mayor Douglass passed out a drawing of the sign she wishes to erect. Mayor Douglass' request will be scheduled for discussion on the next agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Means turned the meeting back over to Mayor Douglass.
2. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that she received a letter of complaint from a Mrs. Carol at Remember This Antiques regarding a sign Mr. Bobby Lee Vernon erected just north of her shop. The complaint stated that she felt the sign was tacky and it directed customers away from her business and to Bobby Lee's Antiques which faces the service road. Bobby Lee's Antiques did not file for a signage request which is a violation of the sign ordinance. The Board directed the Mayor to send a letter to Bobby Lee requesting him to follow the ordinance and present a signage request to the Board.
3. Mayor Douglass reported that Alderman Means and herself met with representatives from Jack in the Box restaurant about putting a Jack in the Box in Salado where Cowboy's BBQ is now located. This is an E.T.J. location. The representatives are willing to work with Salado by

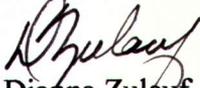
putting up a building that the village feels would fit in. Jack in the Box is not, however, agreeing to the sign ordinance regulations. They feel their type of business on the highway needs to have a tall sign, normally seventy feet high. Mayor Douglass is hoping that the public will give the Board some feed back on whether they would like to have a Jack in the Box in Salado. Alderman Cooper suggested to the Board that the Board say "no" to sign variances until the Comprehensive Plan gets into place.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2001.
2. The first Steering Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 6PM at the Municipal Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary