

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Municipal Building
Thursday, February 7, 2002
7:00pm

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills, Rick Ashe, Raymond Carver

Members Absent: Vic Means

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, about 64 citizens

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglass at 7:00pm. Quorum determined.

Alderman Carver made a motion to accept and approve the previous meeting minutes dated Jan. 3rd, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

Presentation by Citizens:

1. Mr. Rex was not present.

3. & 4. Mayor Douglass informed the audience of the Open Meetings Law that requires posting agendas seventy-two hours prior to the meeting. Mayor Douglass also informed the audience that the Board will not pass/adopt the current comprehensive plan during this meeting and that the plan is not complete and is a year long work in progress.

Several citizens addressed the Board with concerns about the current Transportation Plan indicating turning Rose Lane and Stinnetts Mill Rd. into a Major Arterial road. The citizens were present to object to the purposed change. The Board assured those in attendance that the maps showing this change were simply a vision of future progress and change and that these roads are currently in Salado's ETJ, therefore, the Village cannot do any changes to the roads. Mayor Douglass stressed to the audience to read the Village Voice newspaper, the Board's primary tool for public information. The citizens who addressed the Board were Mr. Ready, Mr. Pahaskey, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Dean, Mr. Emmons, Mrs. Glasscock.

2. Donna Johnson and Dennis Rodniack with Jack-in-the-Box restaurant presented to the Board drawings of what they propose to build in Salado and assured the Board that they wanted to fit in with Salado's ambiance. Mr. Rodniack presented the Board with photos taken out of his car window traveling down IH35 of the property they would like to purchase to build on to prove their need for a sign variance. Mayor Douglass stated that a request for a sign variance will need to be put on a future agenda.

Report from Chief of Police:

Chief Rogers was not present.

Old Business:

1. The Board was given an updated Comprehensive Plan (Draft #3). Mayor Douglass reported that Dan Sefko stated that there were still many fine points to be ironed out in the Existing Land Use.

Mayor Douglass explained the development and purpose of the Steering Committee. A Public Hearing to discuss the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2002 at 6:30pm at the Civic Center.

2. Alderman Ashe explained the revisions he has made on the annexes he has been working on concerning the Emergency Operations Plan for Salado. Alderman Ashe eliminated the Hazardous Mitigation annex and the Radiological annex and incorporated the relevant information into the other annex. Alderman Ashe stated that the Mayor will need to appoint a public information officer in the future. Alderman Carver will present his annexes at the next Board meeting.
3. Alderman Ashe reported that Horace Kelley has placed a bid of \$20.00/hour to supervise the work release workers in filling potholes in town. Mr. Kelley will use his vehicle and has asked the Board to provide needed tools.

Alderman Mills reported that she had asked Alderman Cooper to investigate the legal aspects of ROW. Alderman Cooper spoke with Tim Brown, the Bell County Commissioner. Mr. Brown said that there are no set right-of-ways in the Village. The county responded to problems on a case to case procedure and therefore did not set a precedent. Alderman Mills prepared a policy for the Village to follow that states: This policy, adopted by the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen, shall in no way set a precedent. The overall criteria for presenting a problem to the Village will be that the problem impedes or has the ability to impede transportation. Citizens having legitimate concerns about right-of-way problems should first present to the Village Secretary: 1) Typewritten questions or concerns about ROW problems, 2) Photographs of the problem, 3) Deed to said property. The home owner will then ask to be placed on the agenda. At least one Alderman will physically inspect the problem. Policy to be put on next agenda for adoption.

Alderman Mills instructed Dianna Zulauf to go ahead and order the signs and poles for street signs according to the information handed out at the last meeting.

4. In Alderman Means absence, Mayor Douglass described what Alderman Means saw as the differences between the two companies who submitted a bid for Village Engineer and passed on Alderman Means recommendation to enter into an agreement with Roming, Parker & Kasberg to provide services on an as-need basis. Motion was made by Alderman Carver authorize Mayor Douglass to proceed with negotiations for an agreement, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Each Board member received a packet of information from the Open Meetings workshop attended by Alderman Cooper. Alderman Cooper stated that one big topic was e-mails and their connection with the Open Records Act. Alderman Cooper informed the Board that they should keep copies of the e-mails that are sent back and forth between Aldermen.
Mayor Douglass asked for a Board member to look into a policy on requests for copies and services for the Village office. Alderman Carver will work on policies.
2. Alderman Carver asked Dianna to prepare a letter selecting the cents/kw rate used by Holland as Salado's rate and to send the letter to Mr. Brian Nelson, Distribution Services Mgr. for Oncor Distribution Division, Box 688, Temple, TX. 76503.
3. Mayor Douglass stated that a representative from Salado needs to be appointed to the Central Texas Council of Governments General Council. Mayor Douglass will be the representative.

Announcements:

1. Next Board meeting will be 6:30pm on Thursday, February 21, 2002.

2. **Packets for running for office are ready and available at the Village office. First day to file for place on ballot is February 18, 2002.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary**