

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Municipal Building
Thursday, February 21, 2002
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Vic Means

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Chief Alan Rogers, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, about 30 citizens

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

Alderman Ashe made a motion to accept and approve the previous meeting minutes dated Feb. 7th, 2nd by Alderman Carver, motion carried.

Presentation by Citizens:

1. Mr. Dewayne Dean was present and commented on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dean opposed the proposed road cutting across the Glasscock property. He asked the planning committee to simply stay away from the Rose Ln. and Stinnett Mill area and to delete entirely the proposed road behind the Salado Oaks subdivision.
2. Sue Ellen Slagel was not present. Her father, Bill Bartlett, asked to read a letter from Mrs. Slagel which stated her request to the Steering Committee to abandon the entire comprehensive plan.
3. Mr. Bill Bartlett was present and stated his dislike on the choice of Planner (Dunkin, Sefko) and the methods they used to determine the current transportation plan of the Comprehensive Plan.

Report from Chief of Police:

Chief Rogers reported that the new police car was in, fully equipped and was working out very well. He now has three reserve officers equipped and scheduled to patrol.

Chief Rogers asked the Board for their endorsement on a Business Watch Program he has been working on. Chief Rogers explained the program and related cost (50 stickers for \$23.00). The Board gave Chief Rogers the go ahead and their full endorsement.

Mayor Douglass went over the YTD Financials ending Jan. 31, 2002. To date the income has exceeded the budget by \$19,848.00. The expenses are under budget by \$33,834.00.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Douglass explained to those present why Salado needs a comprehensive plan, the cons of not having a plan, the process that the Steering Committee is going through to get to a plan that is to be adopted by the Board, who had jurisdiction in each area of Salado, and her concern regarding citizens spreading rumors about the plan that could be/is detrimental to Salado. Mayor

Douglass pointed out that the need for planning roads is based as much on need of Right of Way for parking, walking, bike paths as it is number of lanes. She noted that Right of Way on most roads already constructed varies. For example, on Main Street, the Right of Way (the distance between pavement and property line) is zero in some places and 25 feet or more in other sections. Another example is the future change set for I-35. Although I-35 will be widened, the exact footage will decrease at the Robertson Ranch because of its historic nature. Mayor Douglass also noted that the concept of ingress and egress on all boundaries is important now and in the future. Mayor Douglass also pointed out that the Comprehensive Plan is a work in progress, and that some people had been led to believe that it was already cast in stone. Mayor Douglass also went over all the changes one by one marked on the map to be submitted to the planner. A new map will be printed with these changes to be viewed again for further changes.

2. Alderman Carver presented and explained Annex L – Utilities, of the Emergency Operations Plan which he has been working on. The Board discussed the utility companies obligations during an emergency in Salado. Mayor Douglass added that a resident, Cary Hughs, has a Doppler Radar and is willing to assist the SVFD and the Village during weather emergencies. Alderman Mills stated that Chief Rogers is looking for a generator and that the Red Cross is looking into using the Baptist Church as a primary village shelter. The SVFD will be the back-up shelter.
3. Alderman Carver reported that five administrative policies and procedures have been written. Alderman Carver recommended that any new policies and procedures written be presented to the Board for approval. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to adopt the beginnings of the Administrative Policies and Procedures Handbook, policies one through five, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.
4. Mayor Douglass stated that the Board members assigned to look into hiring an Engineering Firm for Salado had recently selected the Engineering Firm of Roming, Parker & Kasberg. Mayor Douglass stated the different areas of assistance the company could provide for Salado and their fee of \$25/hr. minimum and \$125/hr. maximum.
5. Alderman Ashe reported that he has someone lined up to supervise work-release workers who will be filling potholes in town. Supplies have been purchased and should begin filling potholes this Sunday. Alderman Cooper went over the Resolution he drew up for hiring “Horace”(Kelley) to supervise workers at a rate of \$20/hr. Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to approve the Resolution approving the bid to supervise workers in filling potholes, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried. Alderman Carver suggested that all Resolutions be numbered.
6. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the office space at the Civic Center for the Tourism Director, April Allen, is almost finished and that the Civic Center has come down on their initial stated rent to \$475/mon. Mayor Douglass is also working with the Chamber president about sharing the Chamber’s copier and fax machine. Ms. Allen is due to start March 15th.

New Business:

1. Alderman Cooper presented Ordinance No. 2002.04, establishing the date of May 4, 2002 for Municipal Election, appoints election judges, etc. Alderman Cooper also drew up a Notice of Election to be published in the paper. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt Ordinance No. 2002.04, Establishing a Date for Municipal Election, 2nd by Alderman Mills, motion carried.
2. Mayor Douglass asked the Board for their ideas on establishing ground rules on citizens requesting street lights. Alderman Cooper suggested that each request be looked at individually. Alderman Carver volunteered to draft a policy which will require that individuals who request

street lights should also provide names of neighbors to determine their feelings, pro or con. Alderman Carver indicated he would check with electrical utility providers for information about procedures used in other towns and submit a form to be used.

Announcements:

1. Next Board meeting will be 6:30pm on Thursday, March 7, 2002.
2. Packets for running for office are ready and available at the Village office. Filing continues until March 20, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary