

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Municipal Building
Thursday, March 7, 2002
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

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 Mills made a motion to accept and approve the previous meeting minutes dated Feb. 21st, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

Presentation by Citizens:

1. Citizen Joyce Vannatta presented to the Board a petition of residents signatures in the Salado Oaks subdivision and surrounding areas asking that the Board remove entirely the proposed road to the east of the Salado Oaks subdivision running north from FM 2268 on the Transportation map. Mayor Douglass informed Mrs. Vannatta that the proposed road has been changed to a type 3.
2. Citizen Mike Yarborough read a to the Board a letter detailing his opinion and objection of the “rumored” widening of Chisholm Trail in Mill Creek. Mr. Yarborough also submitted a petition of 38 signatures objecting to the same. Mayor Douglass informed Mr. Yarborough that widening Chisholm Trail was never proposed and was not on the Transportation plan.
3. Citizen Dorman Smith was present to object to the proposed cutoff from Chisholm Trail to Stinnett Mill Rd. Mr. Dorman Submitted a petition of 32 signatures of those objecting to the same and submitted a letter detailing his opinion and objections to that proposed cutoff.

Report from Chief of Police:

Chief Rogers reported that he has presented the Business Watch Program he has developed to the SBA and that those present at the recent SBA meeting were very receptive to the program.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Wozniak with Jack-in-the-Box restaurant presented to the Board pictures he generated showing his reasoning for requesting a sign variance of 70'. Mr. Wozniak stated that his reasoning for requesting the sign variance is to be seen by the south bound traffic on IH35. Mr. Wozniak stated that he would be willing to incorporate a “Welcome to Salado” sign on the Jack-in-the-Box sign. Mayor Douglass asked Mr. Wozniak to check into a Texas freeway information sign. Sign request was tabled until further information could be gathered by Mr. Wozniak on TxDOT signage and any other options.

2. Alderman Means reported that new maps from Dunkin, Sefko & Assoc. indicating the recent changes arrived late today and that the Steering Committee members needed a chance to look them over before the public looked at them. Alderman Means stated that the maps would be available for public viewing next week. Alderman Means explained to those present the purpose and need for a Comprehensive Plan and reassured those that all of their comments are being taken seriously.
3. Alderman Carver drafted, read and suggested the Board adopt an Interim Policy for citizens requesting street lights. Once the Comprehensive Plan is approved an ordinance will govern street lights in Salado. Alderman Carver presented a copy of a street light request form and a copy of Temple's street light policy and suggested Salado use these documents as guidelines. Alderman Cooper objected to using an Interim Policy and stated that he felt it a better idea to wait until zoning was in place. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to establish an interim policy on requesting the installation of street lights as drafted. There was no second to the motion. Motion did not carry. As a result of the failed motion, there is no policy governing the installation of street lights in Salado.
4. Alderman Mills reported that citizen Bill Wende has requested via a letter that the Village cut down the three dead trees in front of his house in the Village right-of-way. Mr. Wende also requested that the wood be cut and stacked. Mr. Wende got an estimate of \$400.00 to remove the trees. Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to remove the dead trees and dispose of in accordance with proper conservation policy but to get more bids before doing so. Motion seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried.
5. Alderman Mills stated that there was a word that needed to be changed in the original Right of Way Policy the Board adopted. The policy stated that a copy of the requester's "Deed" needed to be submitted to the Board. The word should be "Plat". Motion was made by Alderman Mills to change the word "Deed" to "Plat". Motion seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Mayor Douglass reported on the recent CTCOG workshop on Storm Water she attended. Mayor Douglass stated that Salado will not know if it will have to follow the guidelines of Storm Water Phase II until summer and that Salado will only fall under this phase if it becomes part of the urbanized area of Temple/Belton.
2. Alderman Means reported that he and Mayor Douglass have met with County Engineer Richard Macchi regarding H.B. 1445, Agreement Identifying Regulator Authority in the ETJ. The Board has entered into an agreement with Bell County to give the County jurisdiction over the platting and permit process in Salado's ETJ until Salado's Comprehensive Plan is in place. At that time Salado will take over that process. The County has agreed to let Salado be a part of the process while the county is responsible. Alderman Cooper had some questions and concerns about the agreement. Mayor Douglass stated that the agreement will be reviewed by Salado's Engineer, Mack Parker and Salado's Attorney, Alan Bojorquez prior to acceptance.
3. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to look over the Employee Handbook that was sent to them, get any suggested changes/additions/deletions back to her by next week before the handbook was sent to the Village Attorney for review.

Announcements:

1. Next Board meeting will be 6:30pm on Thursday, March 21, 2002.
2. Packets for running for office are ready and available at the Village office. Filing continues until March 20, 2002.

3. The Red Cross and the Village of Salado will be signing a document in front of the media on March 26, 2002 at 11:00 at the Baptist Church on Main Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary