

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: Charlotte Douglass, Michael Cooper, Rick Ashe, Raymond Carver, Vic Means

Members Absent: Jackie Mills

Others Present: Darlene Walsh – Stand-in Village Secretary, Chief Alan Rogers, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, about 7-8 citizens

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglass at 6:32 p.m. Quorum determined.

Alderman Means moved to approve the previous meeting minutes dated March 7, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.

No citizens requested to be heard.

Mayor Douglass discussed the financial status of the Village as of the end of February 2002. Mayor Douglass stated the Village has a net positive of over \$34,000 since expenses, such as the resurfacing of streets, were under the amount originally budgeted. For the year the Village is over \$55K in the black.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that the total citations for traffic/pedestrian stops made by the Village Police Officers, including warnings, totaled 54 for the period October 2001 through the end of March 2002. Furthermore, he broke down the number of citations by male and female as well as by racial groups (i.e., White / Caucasian; Black, Hispanic, Other). He explained that some individuals were issued multiple citations for multiple violations. Speeding tickets were issued, as a general policy, when the individual drove 10 or more miles over the speed limit. At the request of Alderman Carver, Chief Rogers agreed to look into the number of citations issued to residents versus non-residents. Chief Rogers said that some of the citations are still outstanding and that zero have been tried. The Village Judge has heard 3-4 cases per month.

Chief Rogers reported that David Oats, a citizen of Salado, has donated a warning siren to Salado. Chief Rogers is working on a location to install the siren.

Old Business:

1. Alderman Means reported that the Comprehensive Plan for the Village is moving along on schedule. Following citizen input, changes were made to the Transportation portion of the Comprehensive Plan. The Steering Committee then unanimously voted to accept it. Alderman Means said the Steering Committee is now working on the Future Land Use Plan. They met with a representative from Sefko & Associates to go over the changes agreed to by the Steering

Committee. The next meeting will be scheduled following the receipt of the changes by Dan Sefko & Associates. Alderman Means and Mayor Douglass encouraged interested citizens to come take a look at the maps and Comprehensive Plan.

2. Alderman Ashe reported that pot holes are being filled throughout the Village by our contractor, Mr. Kelley, and that the cost of the work has been much less than originally budgeted for due to successful bidding of the work and the method being used (using work-release personnel from Bell County).
Alderman Ashe reported that poles for the street signs for Mill Creek and the caps are in. Alderman Mills has created a list of streets that need signs. That list will be reviewed by another individual for accuracy then signs will be ordered. Installation of signs is scheduled to begin April 6 and free county labor has been arranged.
3. Mayor Douglass discussed H.B. 1445. The State of Texas requires the Village of Salado enter into an agreement with the county to identify regulatory authority for the Extra Territorial Jurisdictions. The County sent the Village an agreement which was forwarded to our attorneys who have recommended numerous additions to the agreement. Alderman Cooper recommended the Board return the agreement to the County along with the recommendations made by our attorneys, as well as Alderman Cooper's change of paragraph 4, page 2, insert "or the Village of Salado enacts its own subdivision ordinance and elects to exclusively administer said". In a response to a letter from the legislature, Mayor Douglass will send a letter with our progress-to-date to the Legislature.
4. Alderman Ashe discussed the Bell County Animal Control Ordinance with the 1981 Animal Control Act. Alderman Ashe gave each Board member a copy of a draft Ordinance which is Bell County's Ordinance with wording changed to accommodate Salado. He requested the Board review the material for discussion and possible adoption at another meeting. Alderman Ashe stated that Temple has agreed in principal to taking animals from Salado to their shelter, but details still have to be worked out. Alderman Cooper asked Alderman Ashe to look into whether or not we could contract with Belton or Temple for animal catchers rather than have our police officers do this work.
5. Alderman Carver explained that the electric company will not install lights in Salado unless Salado has a street light policy in place. Alderman Carver requested, again, that his motion to establish a Village Policy on Street Light Installation be approved. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to adopt a policy to consider request for installation and modification for street lights in Salado allowing our Police Chief to review such request and make a recommendation to the Board of Alderman on a case-by-case basis approval or disapproval using Temple's ordinance as a guide. Motion was 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Mr. Carroll, owner of Remember This Antiques, was present to request permission to put a sign on the Remember This Antiques building to help alleviate the problem of visitors coming in and asking which business this is, Remember This Antiques or Bobby Lee's Antiques. Discussion was made on why Mr. Vernon's previous sign request (pulling down existing signs at Remember This and putting up new sign with all three business names on it) has not happened. Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept Mr. Carroll's sign request and to write Mr. Vernon a letter reiterating the

approval of the joint proposal to add his name to Mr. Carroll's sign and remove his sign as requested in November 2001. If Mr. Vernon's sign is not taken down in thirty days the village will see that the sign is taken down. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

Alderman Cooper also made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to Mr. Vernon stating what was approved in November, that it has not been done yet, that it is the Board's understanding that it is capable of being done, and that if it is not done within thirty days the village will have the sign removed. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried.

2. Mayor Douglass stated that TML has indicated that certain policies should be adopted by ordinance. Per the Village Attorney, there are two ways to cancel a scheduled Board meeting. 1) the Mayor has the authority to cancel a meeting, 2) after the meeting is called to order the Board may vote to cancel the meeting.

Mayor Douglass explained the current policy for creating an agenda and asked the Board if they wanted to continue to use this method. The Board agreed.

Alan Bojorquez, the Village Attorney, also suggested that any citizen requesting to address the Board fill out an appearance form five working days before the meeting.

If video cameras will be involved at a large meeting a change of venue would be permissible to accommodate citizens.

Mayor Douglass also stated that the news media may schedule interviews with Board members by calling the Mayor. The Board agreed that the Mayor should not have to take those calls.

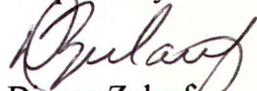
3. Alderman Means motioned, and Alderman Carver 2nd a Proclamation Establishing March 29, 2002 as 3rd Signal Brigade Day in Salado. It passed unanimously.
4. Alderman Means reported that he attended a meeting in Waco for the Heart of Texas Corridor Council. A topic of discussion was a toll highway being planned that would run north and south parallel to IH35. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4th in Temple.
5. Mayor Douglass asked the Board who would like to attend a government seminar on April 10, 11, and 12 in Austin.
6. Mayor Douglass announced that the franchise fee check from TXU Electric was for \$146,412.36, \$50,000 over what had been anticipated. Treasurer Eldon Miller suggested that the Board invest another \$75,000 in the Village's current short-term CD. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to invest \$75,000 of the funds currently in the checking account into a short-term CD. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 4, 2002.
2. Red Cross is having an awards banquet honoring Stephanie Marley on Thursday, April 4, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary