

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Municipal Building
Thursday, April 4, 2002
6:30pm

Members present: Charlotte Douglass, Michael Cooper, Raymond Carver, Vic Means, Jackie Mills

Members Absent: Rick Ashe

Others Present: Darlene Walsh – Stand-in Village Secretary, Chief Alan Rogers, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Mr. Ron Gravette

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglass at 6:33 p.m. Quorum determined.

Alderman Carver made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated March 21, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that he has checked with the Bell County Public Services officers regarding Salado forwarding police calls to them when Salado does not have an officer on duty, and they will not take forwarded calls from Salado during off hours.

Chief Rogers reported that the first part of the Business Watch Program is ready to be implemented. Chief Rogers will meet with the Chamber of Commerce secretary to get it started.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Ron Gravette, owner of Cowboy's BBQ was present to request an answer on the Jack-in-the-Box (JITB) sign variance requested previously. Mr. Gravette stated that TxDOT will not allow a southbound highway sign indicating JITB restaurant ahead due to exits not being at least 1 ½ miles apart in that area. Mr. Gravette stated that JITB has withdrawn their offer to purchase Cowboy's BBQ, therefore, Mr. Gravette was present to request a 70' sign variance permit to be used for any business that might come onto (or purchase) the Cowboys property in the future. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to approve the application for variance for a 70' sign provided that JITB come forward within sixty days to purchase the property. After sixty days the sign variance approval is void. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills. The vote was split, two for and two against. Mayor Douglass broke the tie by voting *for* the sign variance permit solely because of the elevation of the property to the highway.
2. Alderman Mills reported that the street signs for Mill Creek have been ordered and the other supplies needed are already in. Installation should be within the next few weeks.
3. Mayor Douglass stated that the Village Attorney has reviewed the purposed ETJ Interlocal Agreement on Regulatory Authority (HB 1445). A slightly revised agreement has been sent to the County Attorney for approval. No response from the County Attorney as of yet.

New Business:

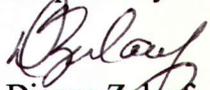
1. Mayor Douglass presented a State Cemetery Resolution to support the Texas Veterans Land Cemetery which Killeen is trying to acquire. Motion was made by Alderman Means to approve the Village of Salado Resolution supporting the establishment of a State Veterans Cemetery on Ft. Hood property, seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.
2. Mayor Douglass presented a Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Pink Week Proclamation. Motion was made by Alderman Carver to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried.
3. Mayor Douglass presented a proclamation proclaiming April 27th as Lion's District 2-X3 Day. Motion was made by Alderman Means, seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.
4. Treasurer Eldon Miller requested that the Depository Agreement issue be tabled until the next meeting giving him time to lineate the services expected of the bank to provide.
5. Mayor Douglass explained the financial procedures sheet given to each Alderman and stated that these procedures will go into the Policies and Procedures manual. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt the financial procedures as drafted, seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 18, 2002.
2. The Salado Chamber of Commerce with the Salado Education Foundation are selling raffle tickets for the upcoming duck race at the Sesquicentennial celebration.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary