

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Municipal Building
Thursday, June 6, 2002
6:30pm

Members present: Charlotte Douglass, Michael Cooper, Vic Means, Jackie Mills, Rick Ashe, Suzi Epps

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf - Village Secretary, Chief Alan Rogers, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, April Allen – Tourism Director, Citizens: Bobby Lee Vernon & wife

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

Alderman Means made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 16th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported handed out a list of locations he feels need to have street signs added/changed. Chief Rogers will call Mr. Cowan with TxDOT to get permission to have signs added/changed on Main Street. An Ordinance will be drawn up to change signage once permission has been granted and locations prioritized.

Chief Rogers stated that it was now Salado's responsibility to host the annual National Night Out event in August. Bell County will no longer do it in Salado.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that he has had a bid for the old police car of \$200.00. The Board suggested that more bids be taken before awarding the car to this bidder.

Tourism Director Report:

Tourism Director April Allen read a report of what her department is currently working on. See attached.

Old Business:

1. Mayor Douglass went over the changes made to the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance. Alderman Cooper rewrote the Ordinance as opposed to amending it with another Ordinance. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2002.08. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.
2. Bobby Lee Vernon with Bobby Lee's Antiques was present to make a request to the Board to withdraw his previous signage request made in November 2001. Mr. Vernon asked the Board to approve his request of leaving his current signage at his store as is, making no changes. Alderman Cooper made a motion to table the issue until Board members could talk with Mr. Vernon's neighbors. There was no second to that motion, Alderman Cooper withdrew his motion. Alderman Ashe made a motion to allow and accept Mr. Vernon's request to withdraw his November 2001 signage request. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Douglass suggested to the Board that there was a need for an "on-call" Village maintenance personnel to answer to calls such as trees down and in the roads. Mayor Douglass suggested hiring someone and equipping them with a pager. The Board agreed to allow Mayor Douglass to pursue this issue.
4. Alderman Cooper presented an Ordinance No. 2002.09 adopting the Investment Policy previously drafted by Treasurer Eldon Miller. Discussion was made on what the policy allows the Village to do with excess funds. Motion was made by Alderman Mills to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2002.09. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Mayor Douglass ask the Board if there were any concerns about allowing citizens to fire off fireworks in the Village with July 4th coming up. There were no big concerns and there have been no complaints/concerns from citizens.
2. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the Library has announced they will be vacating the space at the Civic Center and have asked the Village government to consider taking that space. Mayor Douglass stated the idea of keeping the police department in the current Village office building and moving the municipal office over to the Civic Center. Discussion was made on pros and cons to this idea. Alderman Mills also informed the Board that property further north on the service road could be purchased for \$155,000.00 if purchased by July. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to be thinking about both of these options and be ready to discuss at the next Board meeting.
3. Alderman Means informed the Board that Glenn Hodge has asked, and provided in writing, that the Village abandon Spring Street, a platted road that has not been used recently running east and west perpendicular to Center Circle. Alderman Cooper inquired whether the property is currently owned by one person or several people and if all involved were asking the Village to abandon this road. Alderman Means will find out this information and bring this issue back to the Board at a later date.
4. Chief Rogers explained to the Board the need for an additional police officer. Motion was made by Alderman Mills to allow Chief Rogers to hire another officer at the same starting salary as the previous officer. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.
5. Mayor Douglass reported that she attended a meeting at the Commissioners Court where she presented a purposed population number, with backup, within the city limits of 2,353. The Commissioners Court approved and endorsed the census count of 2,353 for the Village of Salado.
6. Chief Rogers made a request to the Board that he be allowed to buy back special credit with TML retirement system for a portion of military service. Chief Rogers explained what "buy back" meant and that it would cost the Village \$750.00 and himself \$750.00. Alderman Cooper presented Ordinance No. 2002.07, allowing such buy back. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt Ordinance No. 2002.07 authorizing buy back retirement service at the rate of \$750.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.
The Board felt there was no need to go into Executive Session to make this decision.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 20, 2002.
2. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to be aware of any concerns regarding the lack of Broad Band Services in Salado and to be thinking of whether the governmental body needs to get behind it.
3. Goals workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 1:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Zulauf", written in black ink.

Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary

Village of Salado

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Report of the Tourism Office

May has been a busy month for the Tourism Office.

The Tourism Director attended the SBA Membership Meeting this month where she had order forms available for the new In Room Visitor Guides. Many local businesses other than lodging facilities expressed an interest in purchasing one of the guides and they have been made available to any business at the price of \$7.50. Sign up sheets were also available for businesses to participate in an Hospitality Training Course. The Director also invited an advertising representative to speak to the membership about new opportunities for advertising in several different publications including Texas Highways.

On May 15th, the Tourism Office and Chamber of Commerce began tracking visitors in our visitor center. From May 15 through May 31, 32 people stopped at our visitor center for visitor information. The Chamber has also sent out approximately 26 visitor packets in the month of May. The Tourism Office and Chamber of Commerce will continue to work together to keep an accurate record of visitors we have serviced.

The next Lodging meeting will be June 10th at 5:30pm at Twelve Oaks.

The next Tourism Council Meeting will be June 14th at 11:00am at the Municipal Building.

The Civic Center will be closed June 14th, 15th, and 16th, but the Tourism Office will be available. The Tourism Director will check the answering machine several times that day and return calls as necessary.

As with the rest of the Village offices, Tourism Director has been preparing for the 2002-2003 Annual Budget Workshops.

The Tourism Council has been meeting to set Goals and Objectives for the Tourism Office and just today, looked at a rough draft of next year's budget.

Out of these budget discussions, a new transportation idea has come to light. Becky McAulay, a member of the Tourism Council has been looking into the feasibility of bringing a trolley to Salado for our visitors. She has found two different options; the first involves renting an open air "train" that holds approximately 24 people for \$800 a month plus the cost of a driver and insurance. The second option involves buying a "trolley" bus similar to those used in San Marcos and San Antonio that holds more people, for around \$45,000 plus the cost of insurance and a driver. The Tourism Office will be investigating both these options, but if anyone has an opinion, suggestion, or idea please share it with the Tourism Council.