

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building  
Thursday, January 16, 2003  
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Charlotte Douglass

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, April Allen – Tourism Director, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Officer Cliff Brown, Citizens: one Boy Scout from Salado Troop 115, Bill Kyle, Mike & Darlene Walsh, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Vic Means at 6:30PM. Quorum determined.

Alderman Ashe made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated Dec. 17th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

**Resolutions and/or Proclamations:**

Mayor Pro-tem Vic Means read to the Board Resolution No. 014, Texas Plumbing Law Resolution, which stated that the Village of Salado request the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature support a bill retaining the law that cities under 5,000 population allow plumbing work to be done by unlicensed plumbers. The City of Hamilton brought this issue to Salado's attention.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt Resolution No. 014 and send the original to the State Legislature and a copy to the City of Hamilton. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

Mayor Pro-tem Vic Means read to the Board a Proclamation created and signed by Mayor Douglass proclaiming February 1, 2003 Vada Sutton Day. The Board was in agreement.

**Chief of Police Report:**

Chief Alan Rogers suggested that the alarm system service in the municipal building be disconnected due to the building being occupied 24-7 now that the EMT's (ambulance service) are here. The alarm system equipment will remain in the building for future reactivation.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to authorize the Village Secretary to write a letter to ADT disconnecting the service if there is no disconnection fee. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

Chief Rogers also reported that the Salado Water Corp. has agreed to let the Village place a weather warning siren on top of the water tower located at Royal Street and Baines. The Village would have to pay to have it installed. The system can only be activated manually at the tower and would probably not cover all of Salado. Chief Rogers will gather information and pricing on purchasing new weather warning equipment that would cover all of Salado and bring it back to the Board at a later date. Chief Rogers will also gather information on installing the current warning system.

**Tourism Director Report:**

Director April Allen reported that the Chamber office mailed out 16 visitor packets in December and assisted 165 walk-ins.

The Tourism Office has put Salado ads in two upcoming magazines and is working on the upcoming Southwest Showcase in Austin.

The Tourism Office and the SBA are working on redesigning the SBA's website.

A description and invitation to the Tx Travel Industry Assoc. Unity Dinner was given to all Board members. All are encouraged to attend.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **1. Review and Possible Adoption of Health & Sanitation Ordinance**

The Board discussed the proposed ordinance and took questions from those present. Issues such as qualifications of an inspector and responsibilities of property owners were discussed. Alderman Cooper questioned page 7, section 7, abatement of dangerous weeds. Alderman Cooper suggested that page 7, section 7 (A) be worded as follows: "The Board of Aldermen or its designee, **where it is determined that an immediate hazard to the safety and health of the citizens of the community exist**, may, without notice, but is not ..."

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to table the adoption of this ordinance until the new wording can be cleared through the Village Attorney. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Financials & Quarterly Investment Report**

Treasurer Eldon Miller went over the financials for year-to-date through December. No problems were seen by the Board. Treasurer Miller went over the Quarterly Investment Report for Hotel/Motel and General fund required by law.

*Motion was made by Alderman Epps to accept the financials and Quarterly Investment Report as submitted by Treasurer Miller. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

#### **2. Review and Possible Adoption of E.O.P. Annexes**

Chief Rogers EOP annexes were tabled at the last meeting to give the SVFD and the Salado Water Co. had a chance to review the annexes and the responsibilities it dictates to them. The SVFD and Water Corp. have not yet signed off on the annexes.

*Motion was made by Alderman Mills to table the adoption of the Chief's annexes until the February 6 meeting and until further contact is made with the SVFD and the Salado Water Corp. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

#### **3. Easement Abandonment on Methodist Church Property**

The Salado United Methodist Church asked the Board of Aldermen to abandon an easement that begins at Thomas Arnold Rd. in front of the Church and runs SE to NW ending on Stagecoach Rd (the service road). This easement runs through the church property. The church has requested the abandonment in order to prepare to sell the property. Mr. Kyle was present to represent the church. Mr. Kyle was instructed to get permission and a written agreement from the other property owners who are affected by this easement abandonment and submit it to the Village. Mr. Kyle was also told that the church would have to arrange and pay for the re-plating of the property and any other expenses incurred to have it abandoned.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to abandon the easement indicated on the submitted plat and requested by the Methodist Church only for the property owned by the church. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

4. Upcoming General City Election

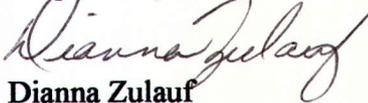
Secretary Zulauf reminded the Board that elections are coming up May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Three seats are up for election. Packets and applications for a place on the ballot are ready to be picked up and a formal Notice of Election will be put in the paper in the near future. The Village will again have a joint election with the Library and SISD.

**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is February 6, 2003.
2. Alderman Cooper will attend the Salado Water Corporations annual meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary



Charlotte Douglass  
Mayor

