

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, May 15, 2003
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Michael Cooper

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, citizens: Dale Douglass, Bill Wende, Suzanne Petro, Peggy Means, four Boy Scouts, Judge Gordon Adams

Mayor Douglass called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present determined.

Posting of the Colors:

The Village had recently purchased an American Flag and two indoor flag stands. A Texas Flag which flew over the State Capitol in Austin which was presented to the Village when it incorporated in 2000 was put on the second flag stand. Four local Boy Scouts were present to post the colors. After posting the colors the Boy Scouts were given a tattered American Flag and Texas flag which have been flying on the flag pole outside the building to dispose of in a respectful manner.

Swearing-in Ceremony for Officials:

Judge Gordon Adams sat in for the Village's Judge Svadlenak to swear-in the newly re-elected Aldermen, Rick Ashe, Vic Means, and Jackie Mills. Each Alderman will serve a two year term.

Alderman Epps recognized the volunteers who have been diligently working on the tourism council for the last year. A certificate was presented and a round of applause for a job well done.

Alderman Means recognized the volunteers who have been diligently working on the comprehensive plan steering committee for the last year and a half. A certificate was also presented to those present and a round of applause.

Alderman Means also informed those present of the awards Mayor Douglass has recently received from the Girl Scouts of America and the ASPA organization.

Regular Business:

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 1st. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions and/or Proclamations:

Mayor Charlotte Douglass read a Proclamation recognizing and proclaiming May 10-16, 2003 National Tourism Week.

Mayor Douglass read a Proclamation recognizing the many outstanding accomplishments made by the 2003 Senior Class of Salado High School. The original Proclamation will be given to SISD.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers read a letter received from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Attorney at Law Michelle Rangel, that commended Officer Bruno Matarazzo on a well done police report submitted to the department. Officer Matarazzo was able to prove by evidence that a suspect charged with DWI was the driver in an accident.

Tourism Director Report:

Director April Allen reported that the Chamber mailed out 28 visitor packets during the month of April and had 124 registered visitors.

Director Allen stated that she and her committee will be reviewing the grant process for the new budget year.

Unfinished Business:**1. Report on Zoning Meeting**

Alderman Means reported that the Steering Committee is continually meeting working on the Zoning Ordinance. A Public Hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for June 17th. A completed zoning ordinance will be in place by September 1st.

2. Report on Pace Park Playground

Alderman Ashe reported that he has received three proposals for playground equipment in Pace Park. His committee has picked one and is working on raising money to pay for it. The PALS group in town, Dr. Raymond Carver, has offered to build the rock wall around the playground. The rock will be provided by citizen Mike Cornett. Their intent is to make it artistic with local sculptor Troy Kelley creating a statue for the wall. The playground will be installed professionally and should be in place by October.

3. Abandonment of Approximately the last 150 feet of Old Mill Road

Alderman Means informed the Board that he has received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Eden asking the Village to abandon the last 150 feet of Old Mill Road. A map showing the area was given to each member for review. Alderman Means has talked with Hal Anderson, manager of Mill Creek, and he has no problem with the Village abandoning this portion of the road. The Eden's have offered to have all the proper legal work done and pay for it themselves.

Motion was made by Alderman Means to abandon the last 150 feet of Old Mill Road as indicated on the map. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:**1. Review of Y-T-D Financials**

Treasurer Eldon Miller went over the year-to-date financials for the Hotel/Motel account and the Village's general account. In the Hotel/Motel account the income is under budget by about \$2,300 and the expenses are under budget by about \$20,000. In the General account the income is under budget by about \$42,000, primarily due to the shortfall in revenue received from TXU on electrical franchise fees. The expenses are under budget by about \$47,000.

2. Warning Siren Information

Chief Rogers reported that he has been looking into the possibility and feasibility of purchasing warning sirens for the Village. Chief Rogers quoted prices he has received from several companies and determined that using refurbished sirens (2) would cost approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000. Purchasing new sirens would be double that. Chief Rogers will continue looking into the issue for the next budget year.

3. Review County Subdivision Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Douglass stated that now that Salado has its own subdivision ordinance, the Interlocal agreement with the county on reviewing subdivision plats in Salado has been revised. Salado now has the lead in reviewing subdivision plats with the county's assistance instead of the county reviewing the plats with the Village's assistance. Mayor Douglass read a portion of the agreement. *Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept and sign the County's Interlocal Agreement on subdivision reviewing. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

4. At-Risk Population

Alderman Mills reported that she has been in contact with the Mill Creek secretary regarding the At-Risk population in Mill Creek. Mill Creek now has block captains who know the citizens on their block and will report to the secretary those who might need to be checked on during an event such as an electrical outage, bad storms, etc. This is another area of the Check on Your Neighbor program set in place in Salado last year.

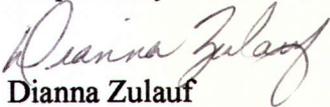
For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

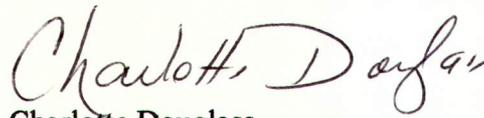
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 5, 2003.
2. A Goals workshop is being scheduled for sometime in June. Get your calendars to Dianna as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor

