

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center
Thursday, September 18, 2003
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Bojorquez – Village Attorney, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Terry Weaver – President, Sterling Development Co., citizens: 25

Mayor Douglass called the Public Hearing on the 2003 – 2004 Budget to order at 6:30, quorum present.

Mayor Douglass went over the Village general account proposed budget explaining each category. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:35.

Mayor Douglass called the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 6:35, quorum present.

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 4th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the wife of a recent Reserve Officer for Salado, A.J. Torres, is terminal and informed the Board that a collection for his family is being taken.

Tourism Director Report:

None

Consent Items:

1. Consideration of Recommendation by Tourism Council to Purchase Software
Tourism Director April Allen presented a recommendation from the Tourism Council to purchase a software program called Inquiry Plus. This program can keep track of visitor inquiries, where they're from, etc. The program will cost \$3,083.00.
2. Review August Financials
Mayor Douglass went over the Y-T-D financials ending August 31st. On the general fund account, total income for the year thus far is \$442,013; total expenses are \$420,725. For the Hotel/Motel account, total income is \$135,308; total expenses are \$104,592.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to grant the purchase of the tourism software and accept the financials as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Consideration of Recommendation by Steering Committee on Adoption of Zoning Ordinance and Map

Alderman Means gave many thanks to all those who have participated in the development of the zoning ordinance and all the comments from citizens. Alderman Means explained the work that has gone into the putting the ordinance together.

Mr. Terry Weaver, President of Sterling Development, addressed the Board on behalf of Mrs. Freda Hanks asking the Board to change zoning on Mrs. Hanks property (property north of Linda Ventura Subdivision) from Single Family to Multi-family. Mr. Weaver called the Boards attention to his written presentation given to the Board a week earlier which indicated the type of facilities Mrs. Hanks intended to build. Concerns were voiced by Board members on changing the zoning to multi-family without first seeing plans or some kind of confirmation that her intentions would be fulfilled. Alderman Means explained to Mr. Weaver that if the Board passed the zoning ordinance as is, that he could still come to the Board after that and ask for a zoning change. Mr. James Pringle and Mrs. Mary Hill addressed the Board in opposition of Mrs. Hanks plans. *Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept and adopt Zoning Ordinance No. 2003.12 as presented on this night. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

(10 citizens left in the room at this point)

New Business:

1. Grant Recommendations from Tourism Council

Alderman Epps reviewed the Tourism Council's recommendations on grant monies awarded to organizations in Salado who applied.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to grant the recommended money grants to the organizations recommended by the Tourism Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

2. Review and Possible Adoption of Hotel/Motel Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt the 2003-2004 Hotel/Motel Budget as presented earlier in the Public Hearing via Ordinance No. 2003.11. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and Possible Adoption of Village 2003-2004 Proposed Budget

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt the 2003-2004 Village Budget as presented earlier in the Public Hearing via Ordinance No. 2003.11. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

(5 citizens left in the room at this point)

4. Consideration of Salado Volunteer Fire Department Contract

Alderman Ashe explained that the contract between the Village and the SVFD will expire soon and needs to be reviewed and re-adopted. Item #7 has been added to the document stating that the SVFD will semi-annually give to the Village a financial account of how the money the Village gives them is being spent.

Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford was present and informed the Board that he did not think the current donation amount of \$25,000.00 annually is adequate. Chief Rutherford also expressed his thoughts on the need for a Village fire inspector.

5. Consideration of Pace Park Contract with Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Douglass stated that she is attempting to meet with the Chamber of Commerce President to discuss the contract. A red-lined copy of the contract showing proposed word changes was given to each Board member. The most significant change is having the contract automatically renew every twelve months and a cancellation clause.

6. Consideration of Renewal of Contract with Horace Kelley

Alderman Mills reported that Mr. Kelley is agreeable to renewing the current contract between the Village and himself for maintaining signs and potholes. Wording on the contract has been changed to allow the contract to automatically renew every twelve months and a cancellation clause.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to renew the contract between Mr. Kelley and the Village with the stated changes via Ordinance No. 2003.13. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Means informed the Board that Mr. Ron Harrison did not request to speak but did submit in advance a letter requesting a zoning change on their property by College Hill. Mr. Harrison's packet of other surrounding property owners request is not yet complete, but once it is the P&Z will discuss his request with him.

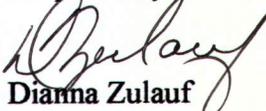
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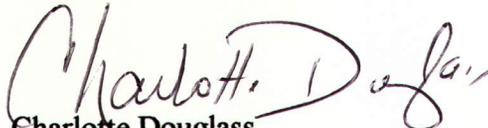
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 2, 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM

Respectfully submitted,


Diana Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor