

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building  
Thursday, October 2, 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, CR and Joyce Pennington, Steve Wright – Wright Builders, citizens: 5

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

*Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 18th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:**

Mayor Douglass read into record a Proclamation proclaiming October 13 – 17, 2003 Texas Chamber of Commerce Week.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt the Proclamation. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

**Chief of Police Report:**

Chief Rogers informed the Board that he and Officer Matarazzo will be attending a Code Enforcement school in the near future.

Chief Rogers also reported that he has sent out notification to other police departments that Salado will be hiring a full time officer in January for those who would like to apply. Three responses have come back.

**Tourism Director Report:**

Tourism Director April Allen reported that Salado has received a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts of \$2,263.00. This grant is to be added to the grant monies her department sets aside each year to hand out to organizations in Salado that apply.

Ms. Allen reported that two tourism council members will be going off the council. One has agreed to stay on. Will seek to replace the other position. Next Tourism Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Citizen Request:**

Mrs. Joyce Pennington asked the Board to consider creating and adopting a firearms ordinance prohibiting people from discharging firearms within the Village Limits. Mrs. Pennington gave her reasoning and concerns. Further discussion later in meeting.

## **Unfinished Business:**

### **1. Further Discussion of Salado Volunteer Fire Department Contract**

Alderman Ashe stated that he has contacted Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford about getting together for a meeting to discuss the proposed contract between the Village and the SVFD. To date Chief Rutherford has not yet gotten back to Alderman Ashe.

### **2. Consideration of Pace Park Contract with Chamber of Commerce**

Mayor Douglass presented a revised contract between the Village and the Chamber of Commerce, along with the agreement between the Pace Park Board of Trustees and the Village, and ordinance no. 2003.14 covering both. Added to the Chamber's contract was an indemnify clause, an automatic renewal policy, and the Chamber's responsibilities with the park.

*Motion was made by Alderman Means to adopt Ordinance No. 2003.14 covering the agreements between the Village and the Chamber of Commerce, and the Village and the Park Board of Trustees with the added changes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

## **New Business:**

### **1. Request for Sign Variance by Wright Builders**

Mr. Steve Wright asked the Board for a variance to Salado's sign ordinance for the building project at the First State Bank at the corner of Main and Thomas Arnold. Mr. Wright asked to allow his sign to be 15' tall and 10' wide and to allow him to internally illuminate the sign all night.

*Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to grant Mr. Wright permission to erect his sign with the dimensions he wanted but add a timer to the internal illumination so that it shuts off at midnight and comes back on at 6:00AM. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 no, Alderman Means.*

### **2. Further Discussion of Mr. Pennington's Firearm Concerns**

Further discussion was made on the necessity and interest in drafting an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the Village limits. The Board was in agreement that an ordinance should be drafted and reviewed. Mayor Douglass will have legal council draft an ordinance for future review.

### **3. Request by Scott & White on Housing**

Alderman Ashe stated that a representative from Scott & White has asked if it would be possible to have a building placed in the yard of the municipal building for the EMT's to use as their housing. The EMT's feel crowded in the room provided for them within the municipal building. No Scott & White representative was present to make their case. Subject to be reviewed once S&W gets specifics to the Board.

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**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 16, 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Charlotte Douglass  
Mayor

