

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center
Thursday, December 11, 2003
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Officer Bruno Matarazzo, citizens: 18

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

Special Recognitions:

Alderman Ashe recognized and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Mike Cornett for his generous donation of large limestone rocks that were used as a rock wall around the new playground equipment in Pace Park and his hard work in erecting and securing the rock wall. His efforts and willingness to provide a safe and fun playground for the children of Salado to play is applauded.

Chief Rogers recognized and awarded a Certificate of Valor to Bell County Deputy Marco Villarreal for his courageous capture of an armed bank robber in the Village of Salado. Officer Villarreal heard the call go out and responded without hesitation, chasing down the robber on foot until apprehended. Officer Villarreal's family was present to witness the auspicious occasion as was Bell County Sheriff Dan Smith.

Alderman Ashe made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated November 6th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Request:

Citizens Craig Little and Bob Smith expressed to the Board their disapproval of Russell Allen Homes building two houses on small lots on Santa Clara St. in the Linda Ventura subdivision. Mr. Little and Mr. Smith asked the Board if anything could be done to prevent these two homes from being built on such small lots. The builder has acquired the needed permits from Bell County and the Village of Salado due to the lots being platted before incorporation and before Bell County's rule of a minimum of ½ acre lots for septic systems. There was no reason for the Village to deny building permits for these two homes.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were eleven crimes reported during the month of November, of which ten were cleared.

Chief Rogers also informed to the Board that CERT Training has begun in Salado under the direction of the Salado Police and Volunteer Fire Department. CERT stands for Community Emergency Rescue Team. This training program is possible due to Bell County receiving a grant and sharing the money with cities. Twenty-seven citizens have signed up for the training. Anyone can volunteer to participate. This training will teach these citizens what to do and how to help both during and after a disaster.

Tourism Director Report:

Tourism Director April Allen reported that the visitor center had thirty-eight registered visitors during the month of November.

The Tourism council met November 13th. New member Larry Wolfe came on and was present. Becky McAulay resigned and Anthony Land took her place. Jack Schrock made a presentation to the council on ways to bring the businesses and local organizations together to improve amenities and transportation for visitors.

Consent Items:

Motion was made by Alderman Means to:

- adopt Resolution No. 24 changing the Tourism Council members (as stated above in the Tourism Director's report) and procedure for future member changes;
- to abandon two alleyways/roads, namely Doyle and Stella Streets, in the Lynn Haven Subdivision at the request of Ray Fuller; and
- to adopt Resolution No. 025, Appointment Orders for Michael Matarazzo as Salado's Code Enforcement Official.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

New Business, Item #4, Replat of Jerry Sanders Property, was moved up the agenda to allow citizen Bill Bartlett to leave the meeting early if need be. Alderman Epps stated that Mr. Bartlett has given to the Board copies of a plat of a small subdivision in the Village's ETJ in which he wants to subdivide a 3.21 acre tract into two lots. Mr. Bartlett wanted the Board to see a preliminary of what he wants to do before he gets all the materials together for an official submittal. The Board agreed that it looked like something uncomplicated and doable.

Mr. Bartlett also asked the Board which setback is to be used when a lot falls under the zoning ordinance setback requirements and deed restriction requirements. Alderman Cooper stated that the law says that which ever requirement is the most restrictive is the requirement to be used. If the zoning states a 5' side yard setback and the deed restrictions state a 10' side yard setback, the 10' setback would be followed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Weapons Ordinance

Discussion was made on a cleaned up version of the Draft B Weapons Ordinance. Alderman Cooper handed out to the Board copies of the City of Temple's Code of Ordinance on firearms for review.

Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to adopt Ordinance No. 2003.17, Weapons Ordinance.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Recommendations from Planning and Zoning Commission on Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Alderman Means stated that the newly assembled Planning & Zoning Commission met earlier this evening and makes a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen that Jack Herrington be named Chairman of the P&Z and Ronnie Tynes be named as the Vice-Chairman. Mayor Douglass appointed Darlene Walsh as secretary. The P&Z commission will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00PM at the municipal building if there is business to discuss. Jack Herrington stated that it was determined that Lloyd Parks and himself would serve two-year terms and the other members of the P&Z would serve three-year terms.

Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept the P&Z's recommendation to name Jack Herrington as Chairman and Ronnie Tynes as Vice-Chairman. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

2. Administrative Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Alderman Means reported that at the P&Z's meeting this day it was discussed and is recommended to the Board of Aldermen that two text changes be made to the current zoning ordinance. 1) Section 2.2, Par. B(3), changed to read "Upon adoption of this ordinance, the Board of Aldermen shall appoint *two (2)* members to two (2) year terms, and *three (3)* members to three (3) year terms." 2) The Zoning Use Chart for the Historical District shall have a "C" for Conditional Use added in the quadruplex block.

Alderman Means made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2003.14 making the above changes to the Zoning Ordinance No. 2003.12. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

3. Year-to-Date Financials

Mayor Douglass reported that year-to-date Hotel/Motel revenues are under budget by \$13,000.00, but that is due to the way the numbers were set up in the budget. By next months report budget numbers will be distributed between the months to more accurately show income. Expenses were \$6,200.00 under budget.

For the Village account, income was \$2,200.00 over budget and expenses were \$41,000.00 under budget. Mrs. Zulauf stated that there is one to many zeros in the Yearly Budget column. It should read \$475,900.

Mayor Douglass also stated that the annual audit for the fiscal year of '02-'03 has just been completed and preliminary reports from the auditor indicates all is well.

Mayor Douglass informed the Board that Sprint has determined that there are not as many phone lines in Salado as previously stated; therefore, the Village's franchise fee amount from Sprint will be going down. The Public Utilities Commission informed the Mayor that Salado is not currently assessing the maximum franchise fee per line, therefore, in an attempt to recover some of the lost money the line fee will be going up from \$1.00 to \$1.22.

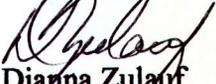
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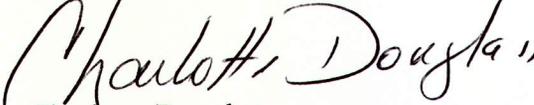
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 8, 2004. Meeting moved to the second and fourth Thursdays due to first Thursday falling on New Year's Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor