

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, January 8, 2004
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Vic Means

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Judge Ted Duffield, citizens: Darrell Voigt, and 6 others

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

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated December 11th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Douglass sworn in Judge Theodore Duffield as Salado's Associate Municipal Court Judge. Judge Duffield was chosen at the recommendation of Salado's Municipal Court Judge Don Svadlenak. The Associate Judge will be used when Judge Svadlenak cannot or will not sit for a case. Resolution No. 026 appointing Judge Duffield as the Associate Judge was presented and adopted and supersedes the previous resolution adopting an Associate Judge. *Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Resolution No. 026 appointing Theodore Duffield as Salado's Associate Municipal Court Judge. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.*

Citizens Request:

Mr. Darrell Voigt addressed the Board regarding his concern on the Village not regulating all building contractors equally. Mr. Voigt stated that shutting down his jobsite due to a building permit violation cost him money and questioned why other jobsites he believes are in violation were not shut down. The Mayor explained why his jobsite was temporarily shut down, that the other jobsite he questioned had received a variance, and that all jobsites are reviewed equally. Now that Salado has a Code Enforcement Official all jobsites will be more closely monitored.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

There were none for this section

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers introduced the new officer, James "David" Buchanan. Salado now has one Chief and three officers and are now able to provide 20/7 coverage. Chief Rogers reported there was a decrease in crime for the month of December; a total of four crimes.

Tourism Director Report:

Tourism Director April Allen reported that the visitor center had 57 registered visitors in December and the Chamber mailed out 18 visitor packets.
The next Tourism Council meeting will be January 15th at the Civic Center.
The Banner Displays the Tourism office is working on have not yet come in.

Consent Items:

1. (Was moved down to New Business.)
2. Appointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioners Terms of Office
Mayor Douglass explained that at the December P&Z meeting the members drew for terms of office. Jack Herrington and Lloyd Parks drew a two-year term and Darlene Walsh, Jerry Johns, & Ronnie Tynes drew three-year terms.
Motion was made by Alderman Epps to accept the Terms of Office each P&Z member drew as stated above. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

Public Utility Commission Rate Change

Mayor Douglass explained that Sprint has stated that they had made an error in their phone line count in Salado. The number of lines is fewer than previously thought. In an effort to keep the franchise fee amount paid to Salado from dropping, the P.U.C. official made a recommendation to change the line rates to \$1.22 for Residential and Burglar Alarms, \$4.38 for Non-residential lines, & \$6.08 for trunk lines (point-to-point).
Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to adopt Ordinance No. 2004.01, changing the access line rates set by the P.U.C. of Texas. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

1. Year-end Investment Report

Treasurer Miller prepared and reported the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending 12-31-03. For the Village account, total investment funds are \$177,127.00. For the Hotel/Motel account, total investment funds are \$117,921.00.

2. Interlocal Agreement with Bell County Sheriff's Department on Patrolling County Roads

Chief Rogers explained that citizens have been complaining about speeders on West Village Rd. West Village Rd. borders outside the city limits, therefore, it's maintained and patrolled by the county. In an effort to control traffic on that street Salado desires to enter into an agreement with Bell County that would allow Salado police officers to write tickets on that street and be processed in the Salado Municipal Court, yet the county would still maintain the road.
Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to accept and adopt Draft A of the Interlocal Agreement, Traffic Control, as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

The agreement will now go to the Commissioners Court for approval and signatures.

3. Discussion of International Property Maintenance Code

Mayor Douglass explained that the purpose of this code is primarily to govern the condition of property in Salado. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to read the code and it will be placed on the next agenda.

4. Subdivision Plat Fee Schedule

Alderman Epps stated that now that the subdivision ordinance is in place a fee schedule for subdivision submittals needs to be adopted. After reviewing surrounding towns' fee schedule and talking with the Village Engineer, an ordinance was drafted outlining fees for submitting plats within the village limits and the ETJ.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No. 2004.02 outlining a fee schedule for subdivision submittals. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

5. Bell County Interjurisdictional Emergency Plan

Mayor Douglass presented to the Board a copy of the Bell County Interjurisdictional Emergency Plan and explained that this is very similar to the basic plan Salado adopted in 2003. The difference is that this one states that the county will cover the unincorporated areas. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to read through the plan and it will be put on the next agenda.

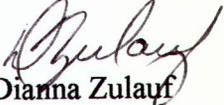
For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

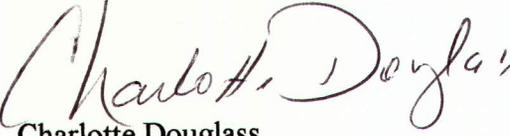
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 22, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor

