

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, January 22, 2004
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Michael Cooper

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Hal Anderson, Melanie McCarthy – Pattillo, Brown, & Hill

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

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated January 8th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

There were none

New Business, Item #1 (Moved up on agenda to accommodate Mrs. McCarthy)
Pattillo, Brown & Hill representative Melanie McCarthy presented to the Board the results of the Village's 2002 – 2003 Annual Audit. The accounting firm gave Salado a Clear Opinion which means that the financial statements are not misstated. Mrs. McCarthy went over the findings and congratulated the Village of Salado on well recorded and maintained records.

New Business, Item #3 (Moved up on agenda to accommodate Mr. Anderson)
Alderman Epps reported to the Board that the P&Z commission met on January 13th to review the subdivision plat for Mill Creek Springs, Phase IV. The subdivision ordinance states that the streets in the subdivision must be 41' wide, Mill Creek Springs has asked for a 31' street due to the street currently in place that the subdivision will connect to and the future plans to continue the subdivision street into the county property at a later date are 31'. It makes little sense to have a 31' street then a small strip of street at 41' and then back to a 31' street. Bell County will maintain the road sense the subdivision is in the ETJ and they agree with a variance request.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to send the Mill Creek Springs plat back to the P&Z for reevaluation (considering the variance request from Mr. Anderson and the County's opinion to grant the request). Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers presented his annual report on Racial Profiling. Chief Rogers recommended that no changes be made to the Village's current Racial Profiling policy. The Board was comfortable with the report and accepted Chief Rogers recommendation.

Tourism Director Report:

Tourism Director April Allen presented three large floor model Banner Displays she had made to take to shows to advertise Salado.

Ms. Allen advised the Board that the annual Unity Dinner sponsored by the Texas Travel Industry Association is scheduled for February 25th in Austin. If any body wants to attend she will order tickets.

The Tourism office is working with the Chamber of Commerce to review the possibility of opening the visitor center on Saturdays using volunteers.

The Tourism office is also working with the Chamber on repairing the Chamber's two billboards on IH35.

Ms. Allen asked the Board for their opinion on whether it was necessary or advised to carbon copy the property owner of a B&B on the letter sent to the manager of the B&B regarding delinquent occupancy tax. It was the Boards advice to take that issue to the Tourism Council first, then bring their recommendation to the Board for final decision.

Unfinished Business:

1. International Property Maintenance Code

Mayor Douglass stated that Salado could adopt the IPMC in its entirety or with amendments. Code Enforcement Official Bruno Matarazzo gave the Board a list of items he felt could be removed from the IPMC. Alderman Means, Alderman Epps, and Officer Matarazzo will have a series of workshops where they will go through the entire document and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

2. County Emergency Management Plan

Mayor Douglass presented for the second time the county's emergency management plan which is very similar to Salado's. The county needs each city to accept this plan by vote to show that the city and the county are in agreement of what is to be done in the case of an emergency outside the city limits.

Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to accept and adopt the county's Emergency Management Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2. Year-to-Date Financials

Mayor Douglass reported that on the Village account total income is \$89,500.00, over budget by \$982.00. Total expenses are \$103,605.00, under budget by \$40,880.00. On the Hotel/Motel account total income is \$37,078.00, over budget by \$3,078.00. Total expenses are \$20,405.00, under budget by \$12,520.00. As of December 31, 2003 the village funds stand at: checking, \$19,772.00; TexPool, \$93,784.00; Pace Park Recreation, \$2,210.00; CD, \$38,030.00; and hotel/motel checking, \$32,470.00, hotel/motel TexPool, \$80,967.00.

4. Report from Salado Initiative Committee

Alderman Mills reported that a committee has been formed to look at transportation and parking throughout Salado in an effort to find better ways to utilize the current parking spaces and roadways, make more parking available, and look for improvements in general for transportation. Citizen Jack Schrock is chairman of that volunteer committee. Members are Anthony Land, Carol Walls, Larry Wolfe, Jackie Mills, and April Allen. The Salado Initiative Committee is not a city formed committee.

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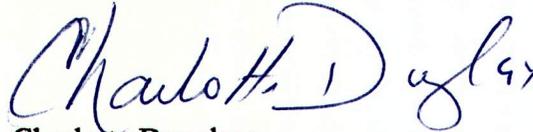
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is February 5, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor

