

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, February 19, 2004
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Rick Ashe (came in late, see below)

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Vic Turley – Turley & Associates, Citizen – Jerry Smith

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

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated February 5th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

There were none

Chief of Police Report:

New Business Item #2

Chief Rogers presented to the Board the Police Departments General Orders (policy & procedures) he has drafted. Chief Rogers enlisted TML to help draft the orders from a legal standpoint. The Board will read over the Orders and it will be put on a future agenda for adoption.

Tourism Director Report:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Interlocal Agreement with Bell County on Patrolling West Village Road
The Village Attorney, Alan Bojorquez, is still reviewing the contract between the Village and Bell County drafted by the County Attorney.
2. Mill Creek Springs Phase IV Recommendation from Planning & Zoning
Alderman Means explained that the original request by Mill Creek was to make the street that runs through the proposed new subdivision, Mill Creek Springs Phase IV, a 31' street but the subdivision ordinance calls for a 41' street. The P&Z commission denied the request, Mill Creek then appealed to the Board of Alderman presenting additional information from the County and the developer. The Board of Aldermen returned the subdivision submittal back to the P&Z for reconsideration. Alderman Means is now presenting to the Board a recommendation from the P&Z commission to allow Mill Creek Springs Phase IV a 31' street through their new proposed subdivision. Alderman Epps stated that our Village Engineer has looked at the plans and two items needed to be noted. 1) There needs to be additional geotechnical information and testing can be done once they have cut to subgrade. 2) Bell County Health Department recommends that the Village include a disclosure paragraph in the document on septic systems. Hal Anderson will include this in the deed restrictions.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to approve the Mill Creek Springs Phase IV subdivision submittal contingent upon the note Mr. Turley will add regarding subgrade geotechnical information and verify with Hal Anderson that the information recommended from Bell County on the septic systems is included in the deed restriction. Also, the statement of the 31' variance granted by the P&Z needs to include that if parking becomes a problem in the future along that street, a rule may be set down limiting or disallowing parking along the street.

(Alderman Ashe came in at this point.)

New Business:

1. Year-to-date Financials

Mayor Douglass stated that the Hotel/Motel financials reflect a balance of \$26,942 in checking. Some of that money will be moved into TexPool account next week. Total checking and TexPool, \$127,980.00.

The Village's general account financials reflect a balance of \$85.00 in checking. TexPool account reflects \$118,866. Mayor Douglass and the Village Treasurer review the accounts every week and determine when to move money between checking and TexPool in order to get the most out of each dollar.

3. Salado Creek Committee Report

Alderman Cooper stated that he is forming a committee to look into cleaning up/maintaining the creek. Once his committee is complete they will schedule a meeting.

4. Vacating Office/Election Procedures

Mayor Douglass explained that it was questioned that if an Alderman intended to run for Mayor must he/she vacate his/her Alderman seat first, if he/she lost the election could he/she resume his/her Alderman duties and if he/she won the election is the Village required to hold a special election to fill his/her Alderman seat. According to the Election Law Manual an Alderman does not have to vacate their Alderman position in order to run for Mayor and if they loose the election for Mayor they then resume their duties as Alderman to finish out their term. If the Alderman wins the election for Mayor, the Board may appoint someone to fill the vacant Alderman position only to finish out that positions term. A handout was provided.

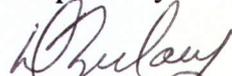
For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is March 4, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor