

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, April 1, 2004
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Citizens: Curt Strong, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams, Sue Ellen Slagel, Melanie Kirchmeier, Cathy Sands, David Stanford

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

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

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

There were none

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers has contacted two more companies that sell and install warning siren system, ATI Systems and Federal Signal Corporation. Of the two Chief Rogers recommended the Federal Signal system. They refurbish sirens and re-sell, they are the least expensive and offer payment plans. Two sirens would be needed, one located on College Hill and the other around Tres Vista in Mill Creek. Chief Rogers will talk with residents who live in the area where the two poles would be erected to determine their feelings on the poles being next to their residence.

Tourism Director Report:

Beginning April 3rd the Visitor Center located in the Civic Center will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 to 3:00 for the next three months. April Allen will be working the center and is currently soliciting volunteers to work the Visitor Center on Saturdays. To compensate Ms. Allen for working Saturdays, she will be taking Mondays off.

Report and Possible Action on Zoning Board of Adjustment Recommendation, John Kohutek Home

Mayor Douglass stated that in the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held earlier in the evening a variance request to the zoning ordinance backyard setback was made by John Kohutek Homes for the property located at 2201 Chisholm Trail. The Board granted Mr. Kohutek's request with a vote of 4 ayes, 0 no's, and 0 abstentions. (For specifics see minutes from the ZBA meeting, April 1, 2004 at 5:30)

Consent Item:

Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the Public Utility Commission of Texas has notified the Village that the Consumer Price Index Adjustment will cause an increase in the Village's franchise fee revenues.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to accept the maximum allowable rate that the PUC is offering. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:**1. Salado Creek Committee Report**

Alderman Cooper reported that he has a committee set up to review and needs of Salado Creek in an effort to clean up the creek. The committee consists of Jack Schrock, Michael Cooper, Lewis Raney, Teresa Tolbert, Ronnie Tynes, Marion Jordan, and Denver Mills. Their first organization meeting will be Thursday, April 8th at 10:00 at the municipal building.

2. Police General Orders

The Board has reviewed Chief Rogers General Orders and agrees with them.

Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to accept and adopt the Police Departments General Orders as submitted. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:**1. Re-appointment of Alternate Election Judge**

Mayor Douglass informed the Board that Jim Pringle, our May 15th Alternate Election Judge, has taken a fall and has resigned his post as Alternate Judge. Election Judge Jean Westerberg has recommended Bobby Carroll to take his place and Mrs. Carroll has agreed.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to accept Bobby Carroll as the Alternate Election Judge for a term of one year beginning April 1, 2004. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

2. Request for Endorsement on May 15th Bell County Courthouse and Jail Annex Bond Election

Mayor Douglass reported that the Village received a request from David Yielding, via Lloyd Parks, asking the Village to support the Bell County Jail Bond issue. After extensive discussion the Board decided to neither support nor not support the issue. The Board felt that this bond issue was a controversial issue and unless the entire Board could agree one way or the other they should leave the issue alone and up to each individual on Election Day.

3. Sign Variance Request from Stage Stop Investments

Mr. David Stanford was present to represent Stage Stop Investments. They have made a request for a variance to the Village Sign Ordinance. The sign they wish to erect meets the height requirements but exceeds the total square foot allowable by about fifteen square feet.

Motion was made by Alderman Means to grant the sign variance request presented by Stage Stop with the agreement that the existing pole sign located at the northwest corner of the property will be taken down. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

4. Texas Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations Request for Input on Top Five Obstacles Facing Our Community and Its Economy

Mayor Douglass stated that the Texas Senate Committee request Salado to identify the top five obstacles our community faces in developing our economy. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to be thinking of what they feel are the top five obstacles. This issue will be put on a later agenda to determine what we feel are the obstacles and report back to the Texas Senate Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 to go into Executive Session

Meeting reconvened into regular session at 7:35

Mayor Douglass stated that the Board has reviewed Chief Rogers's contract and agreed to extend it and grant a pay increase.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to extend Chief Rogers contract for another five years and to give his a 5% pay increase beginning April 1, 2004. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

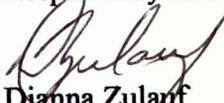
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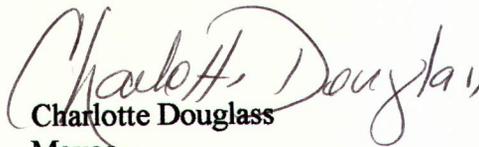
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 15, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor