

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, April 15, 2004
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Citizens: Bill Bartlett

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Charlotte Douglass at 6:30PM.
Quorum determined.

Alderman Means made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated April 1st. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions and/or Proclamations:

Mayor Douglass read three proclamations; April as Fair Housing Month, April as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, May 6th as National Day of Prayer.

Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to accept and adopt these three Proclamations. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that the Police Department handled thirteen offenses for the month of March, with six ending in arrest.

Tourism Director Report:

April Allen stated that she will be out of the office on April 21st, 22nd, and 28th thru 30.

Mayor Douglass informed the Board that July 30th is the date for Salado's Celebration of the 1-4 Aviation Battalion Thank You. Salado will invite the soldiers and their families to come to Salado and enjoy special attention from local organizations.

Unfinished Business:

1. Salado Creek Committee Report

Alderman Cooper informed the Board that the first Salado Creek Committee meeting was held April 8th with eight committee members attending. The committee brainstormed on ways to improve Salado creek and discussed what other agencies may have authority over the creek. The committee also assigned misc. tasks to each member. The committee also will attempt to get water flow rates over the past ten to twenty years.

The committee will take a walking tour of the creek from the lower water bridge to the Main Street Bridge on May 8th at 10:00AM. Anyone is welcome to be there.

New Business:

1. Year-to-Date Financials

Mayor Douglass explained that the Balance Sheet the Board reviews each month shows items that do not change during the year, only at the end of the fiscal year by our Auditors. Treasurer Miller got full explanations from Pattillo, Brown, & Hill on exactly what each of those items represents and created a one-page document with those explanations for future use by the Board members. Mayor Douglass stated that for the Village account the year to date income is \$300,479, over budget by \$5,193. The year to date expenses are \$209,837, under budget by \$42,856. The Balance Sheet showed Total Current Asset at \$324,393. The expenses are so greatly under budget largely due to the Village having not yet paid the Salado Volunteer Fire Department their \$25,000 because the fire department has not yet gotten financial statements to the Village as per the signed contract.

In the Hotel/Motel account, the year to date income is \$64,656, under budget by \$4,107. The year to date expenses are \$50,677, under budget by \$32,946. The Balance Sheet showed Total Current Asset at \$139,434.

2. Comprehensive Plan Passage

Alderman Means read the names of those involved in the lengthy and very detailed project of developing a Comprehensive Plan for Salado. They are Vic Means, Darlene Walsh, Luther Brewer, Jack Herrington, Robert Denman, Robert Pascoe, Curt Strong, Suzi Epps, Mike Cooper, Charlotte Douglass, and Jackie Mills and Ronnie Tynes sat in on almost every meeting. Alderman Means thanked everyone involved for all of their hard work in completing this plan. *Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept and adopt the Comprehensive Plan as presented this day through Ordinance 2004.06. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

Alderman Cooper made a request to draft and adopt a Resolution recognizing Mayor Protem Vic Means for the outstanding job he has done spearheading and chairing the Steering Committee in developing the Comprehensive Plan and that said Resolution together with the names of all those on the Steering Committee be placed permanently in the Plan as the first page.

3. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Platting of Sander's Property

Alderman Epps stated that this project was Salado's first subdivision using the new Subdivision Ordinance. Alderman Epps stated that the P&Z Commission received everything needed to review the subdivision and is recommending approval by the Board. The County Engineer, Tom Barrier, worked with the Village on this project.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to approve the request by Century 21 to subdivide a plot of land owned by Mr. Sanders on Rose Lane into two plots of land. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

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Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is May 6, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor