

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: Jackie Mills, Suzi Epps, Michael Cooper, Jack Schrock

Members Absent: Rick Ashe, Vic Means

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, April Allen – Tourism Director, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, citizens: 15 citizens, Charlotte Douglass came in at 6:52

Alderman Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated June 17th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

There were none.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that the police department handled twelve cases during the month of June. Chief Rogers also recognized and gave certificates to seven local youths for donating their stuffed animals to be given by the police department to children how are involved in automobile accidents. Those recognized were: Meagan and Tate Hill, Addis and Heidi Riddle, Michael Pinkerton, Savannah McQueen, Scott Puckett.

Chief Rogers stated that the McLain Company out of Temple has graciously paid for two defibrators for the Salado Police Department at the cost of \$3,580.00.

(At this point, 6:40, all but one citizen left the meeting)

Tourism Director Report:

April Allen reported that two grant workshops were scheduled, July 14th at 10AM and July 19th at 4PM.

There is a Tourism Strategic Planning workshop for the Tourism program scheduled for July 15th from 9AM to 4PM at Inn on the Creek.

Unfinished Business:

1. Texas Department of Transportation Maintenance Agreement

Mayor Ashe is working with TxDOT on this issue. Since he was not present the item was tabled.

New Business:

1. Policy Change – Accepting Checks

Village Secretary Dianna Zulauf presented the current policy on accepting checks and noted two changes that she would like to see made, no longer send the bounced check back through the bank a second time and no longer notify the signer by certified mail. Alderman Cooper suggested that she continue to notify the signer by certified mail of their insufficient funds check due to this being a necessary action if it came to prosecution. Alderman Cooper will check with the County's hot check department to see if there are any regulations on sending the bounced check back through the bank a second time. This issue will be put on a future agenda.

2. Village Restrooms

Alderman Schrock stated that the Chamber was looking into building new restrooms in Pace Park. Best Construction is currently putting together drawings of the project and dollar amounts are being investigated. More information in about a month.

Alderman Schrock stated that John Anderson with Stagecoach Inn Properties has indicated that he would like to see Stagecoach Properties put restrooms and a little rest area just to the east of Dusty Rose on Royal Street. This is a "wish list" item for Mr. Anderson that he is working on.

3. Village Newsletter

Alderman Schrock stated that the Chamber was considering putting together a village newsletter using articles from various groups and organizations in town in an effort to get information out to those citizens who may not work in Salado and/or may not take the Village Voice newspaper. With about 2600 mail drops the cost of the newsletter would be approximately \$900.00 per mailing. The cost would be defrayed by the organizations paying for the article space. Alderman Schrock stated that there has not been much interest expressed in the project. Unless more interested parties come forward the Chamber will not produce the newsletter.

4. Zoning Board of Adjustment Members

Alderman Epps presented to the Board a brief letter stating what she had learned about ZBA's at a seminar she recently attended. The Board of Aldermen can act as the ZBA in Type A General Law municipalities only. Salado is a Type B, therefore, the Board cannot act as the ZBA and must appoint a ZBA. Currently the Zoning Ordinance states that the Board of Aldermen can act as the ZBA or may appoint one. Alderman Epps will forward this information to Alan Bojorquez, our Village Attorney, for his input. Issue was tabled until further information acquired.

Meeting Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05PM.

Discussion on prospective real estate properties for future village government facilities.

Discussion on resignation of Tourism Director.

Reconvened into Regular Session at 7:55PM.

There were no actions taken.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is July 22, 2004 at 6:30PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe
Mayor

