

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building  
Thursday, August 5, 2004  
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Jack Schrock

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Mack Parker – Village Engineer, Kelly Zwinggi, citizens: Kenny Thurman, Penny & Grainger Esch, Cliff Brown, Carmen Barrier, Bruce Butcher, Robert Denman, Mary Kite, Jerrylynn Schrimsher, Charlotte Douglass, Pete Stebbins, Denver Mills

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

*Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated July 22nd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:**

There were none.

**Chief of Police Report:**

Chief Rogers stated that Salado's Night Out will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> at the middle school at 6:00PM in conjunction with the Volunteer Fire Department's fish fry.

A year-to-date crime stat was drafted indicating that in the last six months Salado's property crime rate has decreased 65.5%.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Consideration of Blassingame Subdivision

Alderman Epps stated that she has received a final plat on the proposed Blassingame subdivision with all required signatures up to this point. The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the plat in July and has recommended approval by the Board of Aldermen.

*Motion was made by Alderman Epps to approve and sign off on the final plat submitted for the Blassingame Subdivision. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

2. Zoning Board of Adjustment Members

Alderman Means explained that seven (7) citizens (five must live inside the city limits and two may live in the ETJ) were needed to make up a Zoning Board of Adjustments for Salado. He and Alderman Epps have taken suggestions on citizens to approach to be on the committee. Alderman Means will bring a proposed list of those citizens to the Board at the next Board meeting.

## **New Business:**

### 1. Variance Request on Silver Spur Sign

Alderman Means stated that he has received a request from Penny and Grainger Esch for a sign variance at their new business, Silver Spur. They are asking for a second sign to be attached to the building. Both signs square footage together exceed the allowable square footage of the Village's sign ordinance. Due to the size and type of building and the nature of the business the Board felt like the variance was in the spirit of the ordinance.

*Motion was made by Alderman Means to accept the Esch's request to have one free standing sign, one banner sign attached to the building, and a logo stenciled onto the middle window. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

### 2. Annexation Requests

Mayor Ashe reported that the Village office has received several petitions for voluntary annexation into Salado's ETJ. A town hall meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Civic Center. This will be a question and answer session with the Village attorney.

### 3. Contractor Registration

Alderman Epps stated that the building codes that Salado has recently adopted reflect the need to have contractors register with the Village prior to building in Salado to make sure that they are licensed. The Board felt like this was a normal and necessary procedure. An ordinance will be drafted by the Village Attorney and placed on a future agenda.

### 4. 2004 – 2005 Budget, Draft B

The Board reviewed Draft B of the 2004 – 2005 proposed budget reflecting numbers from October 2003 thru July 2004. There are still a few possible projects the Board is looking into that may change the proposed budget drastically. Alderman Means suggested that a budget line item be added for "hospitality", to pay for food and/or drinks for volunteer committee members when they meet. The budget will be updated again at the end of August, to be adopted in September.

### 5. Topographic Maps of Salado

Alderman Epps explained that Belton and Temple are going to update their topographic maps this fall and it would be cost effective for Salado to have maps done by the same company at the same time. When The Sanborn Company flies over Belton and Temple and takes pictures they could just fly a little further south and get pictures for Salado in the same flight. A bid of \$36,000 for Digital Topographic Mapping was submitted by Sanborn to fly a 6.9 square mile area of Salado which would include Salado's city limits and ETJ. The Village Engineer, Mack Parker explained that the maps are a tool and gave some situations Salado encounters that they could be used for. The Board will consider this further at a future meeting.

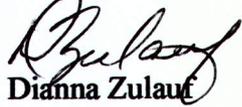
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is August 19, 2004 at 6:30PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Rick Ashe  
Mayor

