

Village Board of Aldermen
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building
Thursday, December 2, 2004
7:00pm

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

Members Absent: Jack Schrock

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Joan Ward and Sgt Major Diaz from 1114th Signal Battalion, citizens: 6

Mayor Ashe called the meeting to order at 7:00, quorum present. (Meeting was scheduled for 7PM to allow more time for parade festivities to be over.)

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated November 18th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Motion was made by Alderman Means to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming December 17, 2004 as 1114th Signal Battalion Day in Salado. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

(Joan Ward and Sgt Major Diaz left at this point, 7:05)

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers informed the Board that during the recent heavy rains twelve out of fourteen barricades were destroyed by citizens who disregarded their warning. Chief Rogers asked the Board to consider purchasing barricade arms that are mounted on the ground and can be locked into place to help prevent citizens from disregarding the barricades and running them over.

Report from Tourism Chair:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Stanford Development Subdivision

Alderman Means stated that he and Alderman Epps met with Belton's City Manager Sam Listi, Fred Morris, two other Belton staff members, and Mack Parker on Wednesday, December 1st to discuss Richard Macchi's request that Belton and Salado relinquish their responsibilities of subdivision review to the County on a piece of property being developed by David Stanford. Alderman Means stated that he is not ready to make a recommendation to the Board on whether to grant their request or not.

2. Contractor Registration Fee Schedule

Alderman Epps stated that the contractor registration ordinance the Village adopted in October 2004 needs to have a definition for "Contractor" added and under Section 3, Registration Required, (A), add "3. Exception: Work done by property owner in a building owned and occupied by him as his homestead." This addition would allow a homeowner to have someone helping him repair his home without having that someone register as a contractor. The definition for "Contractor" will be addressed at a later Board meeting due to a failure with the computer.

Alderman Epps also stated that currently the ordinance requires a \$60.00 registration fee for all contractors. It was felt by Officer Matarazzo and Alderman Epps that not all work is equal so all fees should not be equal. A fee schedule was presented. Enforcement will begin January 1, 2005. *Motion was made by Alderman Epps to add the presented fee schedule to the Village's Ordinance No. 2004.15 as well as add No. 3 as stated above. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

3. Property Abatement Fee Schedule

Due to computer failures this issue was postponed to a future Board meeting.

New Business:

1. Sign Ordinance Amendment

Alderman Epps explained that currently while the Village's sign ordinance allows a taller sign, 30 feet, to be placed on the highway for businesses on the highway, it does not allow for a larger surface area of the sign. Alderman Epps made a recommendation to amend the sign ordinance to allow for a larger surface area of highway signs.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No. 2004.19, Amendment to Sign Ordinance, which would allow a business on IH35 to erect an on-premise sign thirty (30) feet high with a surface area of two-hundred twenty-five (225) square feet. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

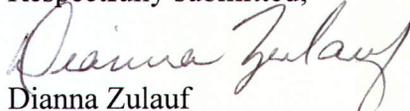
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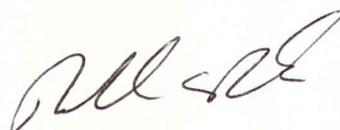
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is December 16, 2004 at 6:30PM.
2. The Employee Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for December 14, 2004 at the Halley House.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

