

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, December 16, 2004  
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Officer Bruno Matarazzo – Code Enforcement Official, citizens: 4

Mayor Ashe called the meeting to order at 6:32, quorum present.

*Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated December 2nd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:**

None

**Chief of Police Report:**

Chief Rogers reported on the November Crime Report. Out of 26 offenses, 22 were cleared, 3 suspended, and 1 arrest pending.

**Report from Tourism Chair:**

Debbie Charbonneau presented a visitor center report to be given monthly showing who came to visit Salado and where they're from.

Debbie reminded the Board of the upcoming Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for January 18, 2005.

Debbie also updated the Board on what advertising her department is doing and planning on doing in the next four months.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Stanford Development Subdivision

Alderman Means stated that talks were still in progress with the City of Belton and at this time there is nothing to report. This item was postponed for a future date.

2. Property Abatement Fee Schedule

Code Enforcement Official Bruno Matarazzo presented draft A of a Property Abatement ordinance with a fee schedule. This ordinance will allow the Village to abate properties when the property owner will not comply with the Village's regulations. The ordinance will now go to the Village's legal department for review. Each Board member will review this draft and it will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting date.

## **New Business:**

### 1. Year-to-Date Financials

Treasurer Miller went over the financials. On the Village account income has surpassed the budget by \$5,300.00. On the Hotel/Motel account income is under budget by \$3,700.00. There were no objections to the financials.

### 2. Crosswalk at Church of Christ

Mayor Ashe stated that the Church of Christ has asked the Village to allow them to paint a crosswalk across Church Street to allow safe passage for its congregation members going from the sanctuary to the new family center. The church is willing to have the crosswalk painted and pedestrian signs erected at their own expense. Chief Rogers has informed the church that this must be done to comply with State standards.

*Motion was made by Alderman Epps to allow the Church of Christ to paint a crosswalk and erect pedestrian signs on Church Street at their facility. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

### 3. Salado Volunteer Fire Department Contract

Alderman Schrock presented to the Board a draft of a renewed contract between the Village and the SVFD. The only changes suggested were to allow payment in one lump sum instead of quarterly and to change item #7 to indicate filing semi-annual financial reports on May 31<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to forward the presented contract with the stated changes to Fire Chief Wayne Rutherford for his review and acceptance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

### 4. Taser Presentation

Chief Rogers made a presentation to the Board on the use and benefits of having/using Taser guns in his department. The guns are \$800.00 a piece with a cartridge priced at around \$20.00 each. Chief Rogers asked the Board to consider allowing him to purchase one or more Tasers. The Board took no action at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm to go into Executive Session, however, at this point fifteen minutes were set aside to allow those present to view video clips of the use of Tasers.

## **Executive Session was called order at 7:50pm.**

1. Recommendation from review committee on appointing a municipal Judge.

## **Reconvene into Regular Session at 8:10pm.**

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to appoint Arthur "Cappy" Eads as Salado's Municipal Court Judge. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

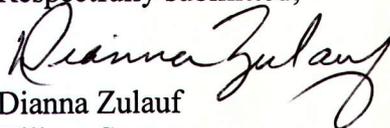
## **Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 6, 2005 at 6:30PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Mills to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Rick Ashe  
Mayor

