

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, March 17, 2005
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, citizens: Darlene Walsh, Curt Strong, Merle Stalcup, Bob Pascoe

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

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated March 3rd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Mayor Ashe read a Proclamation honoring, thanking and congratulating Officer Cliff Brown on his retirement from the Salado Police Department. A gathering/presentation will be held for Officer Brown after the Board of Aldermen meeting on April 7th.

Chief of Police Report:

No Report.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Debbie Charbonneau reported on the Texas Leadership Institute, gave an advertising update, explained the Bell County/Williamson County Tourism Directors Luncheon.
See attached.

Unfinished Business:

1. Emergency Operations Plan Ordinance

Chief Rogers stated that the deficiencies pointed out by the state in Salado's Emergency Operations Plan (E.O.P.) have been corrected and resubmitted. The E.O.P. has now met the state's standards for the immediate level of preparedness. Salado was only required to have the Basic Plan level of preparedness. Presented to the Board was an ordinance adopting the Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt Ordinance No. 2005.04 adopting the Emergency Operations Plan. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

2. Property Abatement Ordinance

Mayor Ashe stated that the Village's attorney, Alan Bojorquez, has reviewed the proposed ordinance and does not see a problem with it. This ordinance is designed to give the Village authority to abate property within the city limits. Alderman Cooper suggested that "building materials" be added to the definition of junk. Also, to add "Individual" to the definition of Owner. *Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt Ordinance No. 2005.05, Property Abatement of Nuisances, with the addition of "Building Materials" in the definition of Junk and to add "Individual" to the definition of Owner. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried with a vote of four ayes and one no, Alderman Mills.*

New Business:

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Massage Therapy

Secretary Zulauf stated that the request to add massage therapy to the Home Occupation chart in the Zoning Ordinance has not passed the Planning & Zoning Commission. The P&Z has postponed their decision pending further research.

2. Year-to-Date Financials

The TXU annual franchise check was deposited during March at a total of \$103,226.61; below budget by about \$4,700.00. A concern was voiced by Alderman Means about needing to audit TXU to make sure we are receiving the correct amount.

On Hotel/Motel, Alderman Epps stated that the occupancy tax revenues appear way below budget. It was reviewed by Alderman Epps and Secretary Zulauf and was determined that the budget numbers were based on actuals from the previous year and that taxes are not being submitted in the same manner this year.

3. Request for Use of Pace Park for Festival

Bob Pascoe, vice-president and advertising chair for the Salado Business Association, asked the Board for permission to use Pace Park for a two week Mid Summer's Festival open to the public during July. They would like to use the lower portion of Pace Park, not the pavilion. It would be used in the evenings during the festival for entertainment and would close at 10:00PM. The SBA is a branch of the chamber and the chamber does carry liability insurance.

Motion was made by Alderman Means to allow the SBA to use Pace Park for their two week Mid Summer's Festival with the assurance that they carry liability insurance and that they will be responsible for clean up of the park. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

4. Fort Hood Welcome Home Funding Request

Mayor Ashe reported that Fort Hood has asked the surrounding cities to put together a task force to help prepare a welcome home ceremony that Fort Hood is going to put on for soldiers coming back from Iraq. The ceremony is scheduled for May 13th at Fort Hood. 80,000 to 100,000 people are expected to attend. Fort Hood is asking cities to buy a space to set up a table to advertise. The cheapest table is \$2,500.00. Mayor Ashe has talked with the Chamber of Commerce, they will donate \$500.00, and the Tourism Office will donate \$1,000.00. The Village's portion would be \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to spend \$1,000.00 out of contingency to add to the Chamber's \$500.00 and the Tourism Department's \$1,000.00 to rent a space on Fort Hood on May 13th for the Welcome Home Ceremony. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

5. Recommendation from P&Z Commission on M.J. Craig & Assoc. Replat Request
This item was postponed due to plats not being ready for special called P&Z meeting.

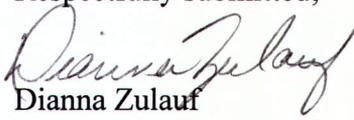
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 7, 2005 at 6:30PM.
2. Mayor Ashe informed the Board that TxDOT has corresponded with him that they are currently looking for people to sit on the Trans-Texas Corridor Advisory Committee. Mayor Ashe has a form to be filled out if anybody would like to sit on this committee.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

