

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

Civic Center
Thursday, May 19, 2005
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Vic Means

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Judge Jon Burrows, citizens: Jean Westerberg, Ralph Snider with Blackland Coalition, 41 citizens

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

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 5th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Schrock, motion carried unanimously.

Jean Westerberg, election judge for the recent May 7th election, was there to canvass the votes from the May 7th general election. Mrs. Westerberg read the election returns and signed the document.

Judge Jon Burrows swore-in the newly elected officials; Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Jackie Mills.

Mayor Ashe asked the Board for nominations to appoint a Mayor Pro-tem.

Alderman Mills made a motion to appoint Alderman Michael Cooper as Mayor Pro-tem. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Mayor Ashe read a Proclamation recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Eleven motorcycle enthusiasts were present to accept the proclamation.

Eleven citizens left at this time, 6:44.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were eighteen criminal cases filed during the month of April. Several were cleared.

The police department has seized a 1994 Chevy pickup that was used to transport methamphetamines through Salado. Chief Rogers intends to sell the pickup and use the money for drug prevention.

Chief Rogers informed the Board that the Temple Police Department has donated two of their used laptop computers to be placed in the police vehicles. These laptops will allow the police officers to do administrative work while still patrolling.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Debbie Charbonneau reported on the recent advertising ads taken out for Salado, the conclusion of the Ft. Hood Welcome Home Ceremony Salado attended, and the proposed use of Salado to hold a "Viking Invasion" performance. The Tourism Board reviewed the request to hold the Viking Invasion in Salado and concluded that the department did not have the funds needed nor the space to accommodate the number of people expected to attend.

Alderman Epps reported that the Tourism Council has appointed Dave Apachino to replace Joan Schrock on the council and that Jackie Mills has been reappointed. Both members will serve a two-year term.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to accept the two new appointments for a two-year term.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Consideration of International Fire Code Ordinance with National Fire Protection Association as a Supplement

Mayor Ashe explained that the proposed ordinance still needed some work before it is ready to go before the Board. This issue was postponed.

New Business:

1. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Swap Agreement with Belton

Mayor Ashe explained that there are three areas in the north part of Salado's ETJ that property owners of those areas have requested Belton to release their property and it be included in Salado's ETJ. After Belton City Council has made a decision on releasing these properties, it will come back before the Board of Aldermen for consideration.

This issue was postponed.

2. Discussion on Trans Texas Corridor

Mr. Ralph Snider, a citizen from Holland and representing the Blackland Coalition, has asked the Board to consider adopting a resolution opposing the upcoming Trans Texas Corridor. Mr. Snider gave several reasons why he believes this corridor is a bad idea. Mayor Ashe asked the Board to do some research on the corridor, where it will be placed, and how it might affect Salado. This issue will be put on a future agenda to determine if the Board wants to take a position on this.

3. Request from Lone Star Storage to be Released from the Village

Mayor Ashe explained that he has received a request from Mr. Weldon Whitis, owner of Lone Star Storage in Killeen and also property owner of a strip of undeveloped land in between the Village's original city limit boundary and Mill Creek Springs Phase II & III, to de-annex his property from the Village's city limits. This property was included in the total property annexed as petitioned by the citizens of Mill Creek Springs Phase II & III. Mr. Nelson Shipman was present representing Mr. Whitis. Mr. Whitis believes that the Village annexed him unlawfully, he was unaware that the annexation was happening.

The Board will research this issue further, call a public hearing and consider this request at a future date.

4. Year-to-Date Financials

Treasurer Miller went over the financials. The Village is ahead of budget in the general account by about \$33,000.00. The Hotel/Motel account is ahead of budget by about \$22,000.00. There were no concerns about the financials.

Mayor Ashe informed those present that the Village will go to closing on May 20th to complete the sale transaction on the current funeral home building which is next door to the municipal building. Renovations must be done before the building can be used as the new municipal building.

5. Possible Tourism Department Move

Alderman Epps stated that the Tourism Council considered the possibility of moving the tourism office to the new municipal building. The Council unanimously decided to keep the tourism office at the Civic Center for now.

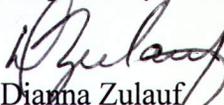
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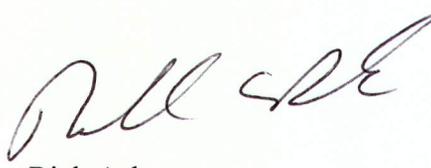
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 2, 2005 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Diana Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

