

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, July 21, 2005
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Suzi Epps, Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong

Members Absent: Jackie Mills

Others Present: Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Alan Bojorquez – Village Attorney, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Bruno Matarazzo – Code Official, citizens: Danney McCort, Dave Apachino, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Denman, Troy & Vickie Kelley, Raymond & Barbara Carver, James Haddon

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

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated July 7th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Mayor Ashe read a proclamation thanking citizen Troy Kelley for his service as a leader in the arts community and his sculptures placed throughout town.

Mayor Ashe read a proclamation recognizing P.A.L.S. (Public Arts League of Salado) for their contribution to the art community in Salado.

Chief of Police Report:

Each board member had a copy of the June crime report from Chief Rogers.

Mayor Ashe also reported for the Chief that a company in Round Rock will be at the Civic Center on Friday offering free wind shield etching.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Debbie Charbonneau reported on recent advertising done by the tourism department, on the request for information from the visitor center, and tour groups coming into town.
See attached.

Unfinished Business:

1. Regulations Regarding the Trimming of Trees above Roadways

Draft C of a tree trimming ordinance was presented. Corrections requested to be made from Draft B were made. Alan Bojorquez stated that in section three the definition of Village Property will be clarified as only property the Village owns or is leasing.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt the tree trimming as presented with the clarification of Village Property in section three as stated above. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

2. Village Auditor Request for Proposal

Mayor Ashe stated that a new law does not allow a municipality to use the same audit firm that the city's uses for accounting help. The Quickbooks expert the Village uses works for the firm that has been doing the annual audits, therefore the Village must find a new auditing firm. A request for proposal was presented. This RFP will be sent out to at least three auditing firms.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to approve the RFP as presented and allow the Village Secretary and Treasurer to send out to at least three auditing firms. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

3. Municipal Code Appeals Board

Mayor Ashe reminded the Board that the Village needs to appoint a municipal code appeals board. An ordinance was passed on June 16, 2005 creating this board. Mayor Ashe has named Brian Brank, Bruce Butcher, Robert Denman, Dave Apichino, and Vic Means to the board, and Danney McCort as an alternate.

New Business:

1. Development Agreement between Weldon Whitis (Lone Star Trailers) and the Village of Salado

Mayor Ashe reminded the board of Mr. Whitis' request to be de-annexed out of the Village. Concerns about how Mr. Whitis will develop the property caused the Village to consider entering into a development agreement with Mr. Whitis. Alan Bojorquez explained that the development agreement would state that if the Village de-annexed his property, that property would automatically come into the Village at a specified time and that the agreement would lay out how the property is to be developed, the exterior design of the houses, drainage issues, and that de-annexation would not create a gap cutting out Mill Creek Springs Phase II and III from the Village limits, etc. Mr. Whitis' attorney notified Alan Bojorquez that he and his client feel the agreement is too extensive and request simple de-annexation.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to have Alan Bojorquez notify Mr. Whitis' attorney that the Aldermen are willing to negotiate and have a proposal on the table and the Board will not go any further unless there is a counter proposal. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Cooper left at 7:15PM.

2. Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Report

Treasurer Miller went over the financials and the quarterly reports. There were no objections.

3. Property Abandonment of Corner of Mill Creek Dr. and Southridge

Ordinance No. 2005.10 was presented that would abandon the corner of Mill Creek Dr. and Southridge so that citizens with the Mill Creek Homeowners Association can beautify it. Alderman Strong stated that he attended their recent meeting and the Homeowners Association has budgeted \$1,000.00 to purchase plants and beautify that corner. The Homeowners Association will maintain that corner and the Mill Creek Association has approved the plan. All vegetation will be native plants.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to adopt Ordinance No. 2005.10 abandoning the corner of Mill Creek Dr. and Southridge and to attach a drawing of the proposed abandonment to the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

4. TXU Electric Settlement Agreement

Mayor Ashe explained that Brian Nelson, our TXU representative, brought a letter explaining that other cities had filed a law suit against TXU for some kind of incorrect charges or payments. Part of the settlement in the suit is that TXU will pay a cash payment to cities affected as a result of the suit. Salado was not part of the suit but is affected. TXU is requesting to make a cash payment to Salado in exchange for Salado not suing TXU for the same reason. Alan Bojorquez and his law firm have reviewed the letter and have advised that the payment in lieu of future suit is permissible.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to authorize Mayor Ashe to sign the letter agreeing to the terms set forth in it. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

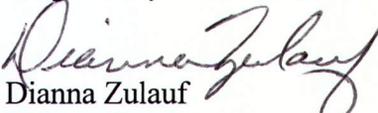
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is August 4, 2005 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

