

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, September 1, 2005
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills, Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong

Members Absent: Suzi Epps

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, citizens: Robert Denman, Barbara Dvoracek

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

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 18th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the 5-year financial plan workshop minutes dated August 27th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were eighteen criminal investigations during the month of July.

Report from Tourism Chair:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2005 – 2006 Proposed Budget

The Board reviewed the entire proposed 2005 – 2006 budget packet for both the Village account and the Hotel/Motel account. Alderman Strong suggested that Emergency Operations be increased. It is understood that the Village has money in investment funds that can be used in an emergency, but it was suggested that more money be reflected in the line item of Emergency Operations on the budget.

Alderman Stalcup questioned the \$25,000.00 expense in Research & Development on the Hotel/Motel budget. Alderman Mills will ask the Tourism Director to provide an explanation. This was the first of two public hearings. There were no comments/questions from those in the audience.

2. Consideration of Request for Proposals from Possible Auditing Firms

Due to a new regulation within auditing firms the Village was required to find another company to do the annual audits. Three requests for proposals went out but only one came back, Williams, Cunningham, Shavers & Christensen, out of Waco. The bid was for between \$7,000.00 and \$7,500.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to hire Williams, Cunningham, Shavers & Christensen as the Village's auditing firm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

3. Sign Variance Request from Southern Image Gallery

Mayor Ashe reminded the Board that Southern Image Gallery was requesting a sign variance that would allow them to retain the pole-and-arm sign they've put up on their property. Southern Image already exceeds the sign footage allotted by the Village's sign ordinance. The Board felt that there was no good reason to allow the extra signage.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to deny Southern Image Galleries request for a sign variance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Certification by Mayor of Voluntary Annexation Petitions, O.W. Lowery

Mayor Ashe stated that an affidavit signed by three qualified voters and property owners on O. W. Lowery has been filed with the Village requesting annexation. The affidavit was accompanied by a petition signed by the majority of qualified voters in that designated area and a map indicating what area is being requested for annexation. Mayor Ashe certified the documents as appearing to be in compliance with state law. The Village attorney will now review the documents and the Village Engineer will draw up metes and bounds to describe the area to be annexed.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to accept the documents as presented and go forward with the annexation process. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

2. J.M. & Dixie Walker Trust Subdivision Plat

Alderman Strong reported that a Minor Plat has been submitted for approval by Ms. Dixie Walker. Per the Village's subdivision ordinance, minor plats can be handled administratively. Ms. Walker is requesting that a .5 acre tract be subdivided off of the existing 4.78 acre tract located on Salado Creek Road. All subdivision requirements for a minor plat were in place.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to approve the minor plat as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

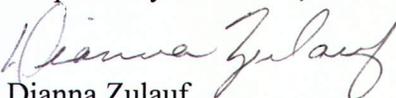
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is September 15, 2005 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe
Mayor

