

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, October 20, 2005
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills, Rick Ashe(8:15), Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong

Members Absent: Suzi Epps

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, citizens: Dexter Blevins, Tim Brown, LaNora Miller, Maurice Carson – Salado Historical Society

Mayor Pro Tem Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Stalcup made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated October 6th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers presented Dexter Blevins with a Certificate of Appreciation for coming to the aid of Officer Bassett during an arrest.

Chief Rogers presented the Board with a copy of a manual for a Titan 8500 generator as a possible purchase to be used by the Village for backup of the Emergency Operations Center during a power outage.

Officer Bassett gave a demonstration of the police departments' new drug dog named TJ. This dog was donated to the Village by the Rogers Police Department. Office Bassett will handle the dog and be responsible for it. TJ will only be used for situations where drugs are suspected or for tracking. Petsmart will donate all the dog food and Dr. Dunn at Belton Veterinary Clinic will donate all animal care.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Alderman Mills gave a brief report of the advertising the tourism department is currently working on.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Pro Tem Cooper moved item # 2 up on the agenda so that Treasurer Miller could leave early.

2. 5 Year Financial Plan Worksheets

Each Alderman is to plan out on the worksheet given to them the next five fiscal years for each expense the Village currently has and indicate any new expenses the Village might incur within the next 5 years. The worksheets are due back by January 1, 2006, at which time the Board will meet to compare and discuss the results.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooper moved item # 4 of New Business up on the agenda so that Treasurer Miller could leave early.

4. Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Report

Treasurer Miller went over the year-to-date financials which happen to be the year-end financials. The Hotel/Motel balance sheet showed a deficit of \$13,000.00. Treasurer Miller explained that TexPool money had been transferred to the wrong account but the error was fixed before checks went out. There was not an actual deficit in the bank, only on Quickbooks.

Treasurer Miller went over the quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30, 2005. There were no objections to any financials.

Eldon and LaNora Miller left at this time, 6:52.

1. Renovation Progress of New Municipal Building

Alderman Mills and Alderman Stalcup reported that they have met with two of the three contractors who placed bids on the renovation of the new municipal building. (B. Dalton Construction has not responded to the letter requesting a consultation.) The contractors have made some recommendations on how to cut the costs. The plans will be redrawn by the mechanical engineer and put back out to bid to the two contractors interested.

3. Historical District Street Signs

Maurice Carson, president of the Salado Historical Society presented to the Board a mockup of what the historical street signs would look like. All street signs in the historic district would have to be replaced with these new signs. The Village of Salado Street Repair and Street Sign had up to \$2,000.00 that could have been used for Historical Street Signs in the 2004/2005 budget. Since the Salado Historical Society did not decide on signs until after the 2004/2005 budget year they now want the city to renew the offer and presented a mock up of the sign they wanted for our review. Other ideas on fund raising could be put in place.

Maurice Carson left at this point, 7:26.

4. O.W. Lowrey Proposed Annexation

Alderman Strong reported that it has been determined that the map submitted by the petitioners of this neighborhood was not very explicit and that there has been some confusion among the residents of that neighborhood on what properties were being included in the annexation.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to reject the petition, at the recommendation of Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez, submitted to the Village for annexation of 36 lots on O.W. Lowrey Street due to inadequate boundary description of what is to be annexed. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Strong will get in touch with the contact person for that neighborhood and begin the process again if they're interested.

New Business:

1. Ordinance Compelling Attendance to Municipal Court

Attorney Alan Bojorquez explained that this ordinance was to provide the village with a means of compelling citizens who are cited with a city ordinance violation to appear in municipal court. As it stands right now, citations for criminal violations require a defendant to appear in court by law. This ordinance would make defendants who do not appear for court for city ordinance violations subject to additional charges of failing to appear.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt this ordinance with the correction of changing item (g) under section 3.2 from Police Officer to Code Enforcement Official. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

2. Agreement with Salado Volunteer Fire Department

Alderman Stalcup presented to the Board a copy of the fire departments Profit and Loss statement for the recent twelve month period and a copy of the agreement between the Village and SVFD with current dates. There were some questions on some of the line items on the P&L. Alderman Stalcup will ask the fire department for explanations. Alderman Mills felt that the agreement should stipulate what the money the Village gives to the department should be spent on instead of giving them money and letting them spend it how ever they want.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to renew the agreement with the SVFD for another twelve months. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong. Motion carried with three ayes and one no, Alderman Mills.

3. Limitation of Construction Trucks on Village Roads and Streets

Alderman Strong stated that large construction trucks are driving on streets within the Village, namely Mill Creek, going to locations outside the Village. These trucks are damaging the roads and the Village gets no compensation from the construction companies or the property owners. Chief Rogers explained that it is very difficult to restrict heavy vehicles from driving on public roads. Attorney Alan Bojorquez will look into this issue and get back to the Board with suggestions.

Tim Brown left at this point, 8:15.

Mayor Ashe came in at this point.

5. Agreement with Chamber of Commerce on Pace Park

Alderman Stalcup presented the Board with a renewed agreement with the Chamber on maintaining Pace Park. This agreement had a section added that stated that the Chamber would be responsible for repairs to the playground up to \$1,000.00. Any expenses over that would be shared by the Village and Chamber. It was not clear on whether that \$1,000.00 was per incident or for the entire twelve month agreement, and it was not clear on if the sharing of expenses would be equally or not. Alderman Stalcup will review with the Chamber. No action was taken.

6. Mill Creek Springs Phase VI Minor Plat

Alderman Strong stated that he and the Village Engineer have review a minor plat submission from Turley and Associates on a lot in Mill Creek on Hester Way and is recommending approval of the plat. Alderman Strong also stated that the submission fee for a minor plat is \$50.00, but it costs the Village more than that to process and suggested a review of the fee structure.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to approve the Minor Plat for Mill Creek Springs Phase VI. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

7. Tourism Directors Salary

Alderman Mills stated that an error was made during budget time that left the Tourism Director without a wage increase. The Tourism Council is recommending a salary increase from \$35,000.00 to \$38,290.00. The difference will be taken out of Part time/Over time so that the bottom number on the budget does not change.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to amend the 2005 – 2006 Hotel/Motel Budget to reflect the Tourism Directors salary of \$38,290.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is November 3, 2005 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

