

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, December 15, 2005
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Alan Bojorquez – Village Attorney, citizens: Bill Bunting, Nathan Pringle & Tom Cunningham with Williams, Cunningham, and Shavers Accounting Firm

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 November 17th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Resolution No. 043 appointing the Salado Village Voice Newspaper as the Village's official newspaper for city required publications. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were fifteen criminal investigations during the month of September.

Report from Tourism Chair:

No Report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Renovation Progress of New Municipal Building

Alderman Stalcup reported that new construction drawings are available for review. General Contractors will be able to pick up a set of plans between December 16th and January 9th. Bids will be opened on January 9, 2006 at 4:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to go ahead with the construction plans as presented for bid. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Stalcup left at this point, 6:55.

Mayor Ashe moved items 1 & 2 under New Business up on the agenda to accommodate the visitors at the meeting who could not stay.

New Business:

1. Summers Mill, Bill Bunting, ETJ Request

Mr. Bill Bunting with Summers Mill Retreat requested that the Board consider going outside the SISD boundaries to take property into the Village's ETJ. Summers Mill is just outside Salado's school district. The Board set a rule early in 2005 that they would not consider properties outside the SISD boundary in an attempt to have some guidelines and boundary control over the steady flow of petitions coming into the Village for ETJ inclusion. Mayor Ashe instructed Mr. Bunting to fill out a petition and talk with the neighbors between him and the current ETJ boundary and bring it back to the Board.

Bill Bunting left at this point, 7:20.

2. 2004 - 2005 Audit Report

Tom Cunningham with Williams, Cunningham, Shavers, and Christensen Auditing Firm briefly went over the audit report. There were no problems with the Village's financials. Mr. Cunningham gave great praise to the Board for handling the public funds with great care and favorably exceeding expectations for the Village's budget and investment plans. Mr. Cunningham also commended Eldon Miller the Village Treasurer and Dianna Zulauf the Village Secretary for complete and well documented financials. Mr. Cunningham stated that if he could give the Village a grade on the audit outcome it would be an A.

Nathan Pringle and Tom Cunningham left at this point, 8:09.

Return to Unfinished Business:

2. Construction Truck Regulatory Options

The Board reviewed a document drafted by Alan Bojorquez on what city's can and can not regulate where heavy vehicles are concerned on public city streets. The Board is in agreement that regulations need to be put in place to help with minimizing road destruction. The Board asked Mr. Bojorquez to draft an ordinance setting a weight limit on heavy vehicles on city streets and penalties.

Return to New Business:

3. Purchase of Tractor with Attachments and Privacy Fence

The Village has received three bids for purchasing a tractor with a front end loader, a backhoe attachment, a shredder attachment, and a chipper attachment; Beecham Equipment - \$28,375, Coufal Equipment (John Deer) - \$31,335, and Taylor Equipment (Kubota) - \$26,090. Chief Rogers stated that he felt like he could get the John Deer bid down under \$30,000.00 by substituting the 990 tractor with the 5103 model. The Board preferred the John Deer because of its reputation for reliability.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to purchase the John Deer with the 5103 model tractor.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

It was proposed that a privacy fence be put up between the two buildings (connecting the two buildings) to house the tractor and attachments at a cost of about \$800.00. The Board was agreeable to that.

Announcements:

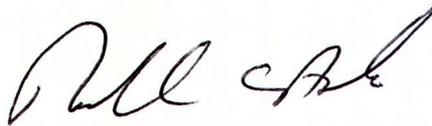
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 5, 2006 at 6:30PM.
2. The Village's annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 21st at 11:00 at the Halley House.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

