

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, March 16, 2006  
6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Jackie Mills

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, citizens: Tommy Dean, Joseph Lieberman and Mark Lieberman with Holiday Inn Express, Ron Harrison

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

**Citizen Comments:** None

*Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated March 2nd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:**

**Chief of Police Report:**

**Report from Tourism Director:** Debbie Charbonneau reported that the Tourism Council has selected Destination Development as the consultant for the Tourism Department Strategic Plan. Director Charbonneau also reported that the two Brown Bag Luncheon's she's done have been very successful.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Municipal Building Renovation Report

Alderman Stalcup reported that the building renovation is coming along well. The floors should be laid next week and a tentative move in date is the first week of April.

Alderman Stalcup also stated that he has found chair to be used in the large room for \$20.00 each at Sam's and request permission to order the chairs.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to authorize Alderman Stalcup to order 80 chairs from Sam's. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

2. Waste Disposal Franchise Fee Ordinance Renewal

The Board reviewed again the waste disposal franchise ordinance which is set to expire at the end of April.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to raise the franchise fee percentage from 3 to 4, to change the due date of remittances to the Village from 45 days to 30 days, and to change the duration of the ordinance from 5 years to 3 years. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.*

**New Business:**

1. Re-zoning Request from Ron Harrison

Ron Harrison explained to the Board that his property along with a piece of property owned by Stagecoach Inn and a piece owned by the Water Company were currently zoned Single Family Residential and they are requesting it be re-zoned to Historic District. These entities are making the request because Single Family Residential does not allow business activity and Historic District does. There are currently businesses on these properties. This issue has been considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission and they recommend approval of the re-zoning request. *Motion was made by Alderman Strong to re-zone the properties as indicated on a map presented by Mr. Harrison from Single Family Residential to Historic District. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

2. Holiday Inn Express Sign Variance Request

Mark Liebermann, owner of the newly built Holiday Inn Express, presented to the Board photos of the area around his hotel from IH35. Mr. Liebermann felt that a maximum height of 35 feet allowed by Salado's sign ordinance for a highway sign was an inadequate height and requested a variance to the ordinance allowing him a 50 foot sign due to large trees around the property and the building being in a shallow area.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to deny Mr. Liebermann's request for a 50 foot highway sign (Alderman Strong felt the Board should stick to the Village's ordinance regulations). Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion tied with two against and two for. Tie was broken by Mayor Ashe who voted to grant the variance request and allow Mr. Liebermann to erect a 50 foot highway sign.*

Mr. Harrison and Holiday Inn Express representatives left at this point.

3. Year-to-Date Financials

The Board reviewed the financials and had no objections to them. Secretary Zulauf stated that the TXU franchise tax remittance came in this week at \$108,000.00.

4. Historical Society Street Signs, Maurice Carson

Mr. Carson was not present to give his presentation.

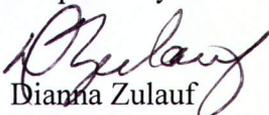
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 6, 2006 at 6:30PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Rick Ashe  
Mayor

