

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, May 18, 2006  
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 Bojorquez – Village Attorney, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Chief Alan Rogers, citizens: Maurice Carson and wife – Historical Society, Joan Schrock, Robert & Doris Denman, Cathy Sands, Dave Apachino, Mary Hodge, John Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Turnbo, Mr. & Mrs. Reishen, Pete Stebbins(6:38)

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

**Citizen Comments:** John Anderson, representing the Mill Creek Golf Club, expressed some concerns about an upcoming agenda item regarding placing barricades at the low water crossings in Mill Creek to be used when Salado creek is overflowing on the bridges. Mr. Anderson is concerned about the esthetics of having permanent barricades mounted at the bridges and asked the Board for heavy consideration of this issue.

Charlie Turnbo informed the Board that he is present representing the Salado Mentors, a new organization formed under the SISD. This new committee/organization is seeking to recruit about twenty adult volunteers to be mentors to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This committee hopes to be up and running by September 2006 and would like any support from the Board of Aldermen.

*Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 4th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:** None

**Chief of Police Report:**

Chief Rogers gave the March crime report; a total of seven cases filed with six arrests.

**Report from Tourism Chair:**

No Report.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Historical Signs

Maurice Carson with the Salado Historical Society informed the Board that the Historical Society would like to place nine historical signs at strategic places throughout the historic district in town. The signs would be brown and white, 30"x24", affixed to poles about seven feet off the pavement, and do meet state regulations on historical signs. Mr. Carson presented copies of photographs of where they would like to place the signs. Mr. Carson will get written permission from the property owners to place the signs on their property and furnish Alderman Mills with a copy of the

permission. One location is on Thomas Arnold at the First State Bank. If the bank does not allow them to place the sign on their property Mr. Carson requests that the Village allow them to place it in the right-of-way. There are some concerns about the number of signs already at some of the desired spots. The Historical Society will purchase the signs and poles and the Village would have them erected.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to allow the Historical Society to go ahead with their plans and authorize Alderman Mills to work with the Society in placing the signs. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.*

### **New Business:**

1. L.E.A.D.S. (Law Enforcement Access Data System)

Chief Rogers explained that LEADS was an investigative tool used by police departments to help track stolen items. LEADS is a nation wide network system, it would be a three year contract at \$1,308.00 per year.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to allow Chief Rogers to do the 30 day free trial period and come back to the Board with a report of how often and how well it worked. At that time the Board will consider purchasing the program. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.*

2. Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Reports

Treasurer Miller went over the financials for both the Village and Hotel/Motel account. The department most over budget on expenses is the police department. This is greatly due to unexpected auto repairs. Treasurer Miller also went over the quarterly reports for each account. There were no objections to the financials.

3. Playground Wood Chips

Mayor Ashe explained that the artificial wood chips around the playground in Pace Park have been packed down and blown away and it is now in need of more chips laid down. To fill the entire playground area, about a 60'x72' area, 12" deep, the cost would be \$3, 866.36. To fill only the area directly under the playground equipment, about a 40'x40' area, 12" deep, the cost would be \$2,245.57. The company who built the playscape is the only company known to provide the treated and ADA compliant chips.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to go ahead and order a 40'x40' area of chips at the cost provided to us and charge it to the Pace Park account. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

4. Forming a Legislative Committee

Mayor Ashe explained that a committee of five or seven people was needed to monitor and keep in touch with our State Representative regarding issues that effect Salado. Alderman Strong will be on that committee. Mayor Ashe asked that the Board seek out individuals that would agree to serve on this Legislative Committee and come back to the Board with names at a later date.

5. Installing Gate Barricades

Chief Rogers stated that the free-standing wooden barricades that the police department now uses to stop citizens from crossing low water bridges when they are flooded are not effective enough; citizens simply go around or move them. Chief Rogers requests permission to purchase and install metal swinging barricades that can be locked. These barricades would be removable.

Alderman Cooper requested that Chief Rogers put together a proposal on type of barricades, price, etc. and come back to the Board at a future date.

**Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:55.**

1. Lone Star Law Suit

**Adjourn executive session and reconvene into regular session at 8:21.**

No actions taken from executive session.

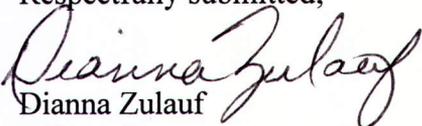
**Announcements:**

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

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Rick Ashe  
Mayor

Joan Schrock and Dave Apachino left at 6:59.

Mary Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. Reishen, and Pete Stebbins left at 7:00.

Mr. & Mrs. Carson left at 7:15.

Cathy Sands left at 7:37.

