

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, June 1, 2006
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Chief Alan Rogers, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, citizens: Darlene Walsh, John Simcik – Kasburg, Patrick & Associates (Village Engineer), Luther Brewer, Larry Lender, Tim Fleischer – Salado Village Voice

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

Citizen Comments:

Alderman Stalcup made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated May 18th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the minutes from the Legal Workshop held on Thursday, May 25th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution: None

Chief of Police Report:

No Report.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau reported on the visitor center contacts for the month of May, the Group Report of how many groups are scheduled to come to Salado, and the grant workshop recently held.

Director Charbonneau also informed the Board that she has received a bid from Wright Builders to remove the current shelving in the visitor center and build new shelving to allow for more space to place brochures. The bid was \$3,323.00. The Board had some concerns about altering a building that doesn't belong to them. The Civic Center has agreed to the small renovation and such renovation was in the budget. The Board gave Director Charbonneau the go ahead on the renovation.

Director Charbonneau presented a list of budget line items that the Tourism Council would like to have amended due to the Holiday Inn Express not opening for business as expected. Treasurer Miller has reviewed the changes and approves.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to amend the 2005 – 2006 Hotel/Motel Budget to include: Reduce acct.# 4100 from \$146,000.00 to \$129,000.00; reduce #5115 from \$8,710.00 to \$3,005.00; reduce #5140 from \$2,925.00 to \$1,425.00; reduce #5160 from \$5,515.00 to \$2,929.00; reduce #6110 from \$58,182.00 to \$25,292.00; reduce #6170 from \$25,000.00 to

\$23,153.00; reduce #6400 from \$22,000.00 to \$12,145.00; round to the nearest dollar. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Drainage at Hester Way

Alderman Mills stated that the Village's Engineer, John Simcik, has submitted a proposal letter of the estimated cost of approximately \$8,000.00 to fix the drainage problem on Hester Way. Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to authorize Kasburg, Patrick & Associates to proceed with getting bids from contractors on the cost of fixing the problem and bring the total cost back to the Board at a later date.

2. Sonic Drive-In

Alderman Strong presented a time-line of the progress being made on getting a septic system installed and working at the Sonic (currently and since opening for operation the Sonic has been using a tanker truck to hold sewage). It is his opinion that Sonic is dragging their feet. The temporary certificate of occupancy issued to Sonic has expired. The Bell County Health Department has been made aware of the issue and is looking into it. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to instruct the Mayor to seek guidance from the village attorney on whether the Village has authority under the Health & Safety Ordinance to give Sonic sixty days to fix the problem or the Village will shut them down. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried with four ayes and one no, Alderman Epps.

New Business:

1. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to re-appoint Alderman Cooper as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

2. Pace Park Restroom Renovation Bids

Alderman Stalcup reported that only two bids to build restrooms in Pace Park came in, Wright Builders at \$66,897.00, and Drews Construction at \$74,494.00. Both bids are more than the Village was looking to spend.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to reject both bids, re-work the scope of work and put it out for bid again. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

3. Mill Creek Road Warning Signs

Larry Lender, President of the Mill Creek Homeowners Association, explained to the Board that the steep curve on Mill Creek Rd. at the east end of the one-lane water bridge does not currently have warning signs posted so that people are aware of the danger of that blind curve. Homeowners have been complaining that people drive too fast around the curve. Chief Rogers suggested a yellow diamond shaped sign with a sharp curve picture and 15 mph at the bottom.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to authorize the drafting of an ordinance to install the requested traffic safety sign. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Mills will research the availability and cost of repainting the center stripes.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 15, 2006 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

