

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, June 15, 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, citizens: Rod & Sheryl Russell, Darlene Walsh, Dave Apichino, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper

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 June 1st. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution: None

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were a total of fifteen criminal activities reported during the month of May and all have been cleared.

Chief Rogers reported that the table-top emergency operations exercise held last week with the SISD went well. Several items were resolved and new conflicts were discovered.

Chief Rogers stated that the two police vehicles the Village currently has have many miles on them and are in need of constant repair. Chief Rogers would like to go ahead and order another police vehicle due to it taking about six months to receive the vehicle and payment will not be due till after the new fiscal year. The Board requested that he wait until after the goals/budget workshop that will be held on June 24th.

Report from Tourism Chair:

No Report.

At this time Tourism Council member Dave Apichino unexpectedly addressed the Board asking why a report from John Kelsh was seen by the Salado Business Association before the Tourism Council had seen it. Mayor Ashe was not aware of what Mr. Apichino was talking about. Mayor Ashe asked Mr. Apichino to see him after the meeting. Mr. Apichino left the building and did not return.

Unfinished Business:

1. Forming a Legislative Committee

Mayor Ashe reported that he has acquired a list of volunteers to serve on a legislative committee that will work on and with Representative Delisi on legislative items that effect Salado. Those serving will be Mayor Rick Ashe, Alderman Curt Strong, Village Secretary Dianna Zulauf, Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez, citizens: Pete Stebbins, Sarah Mackey, Barkley McCort, Charlotte Douglass, Bora Van Dormolen.

2. Update on Sonic Septic

Mayor Ashe explained that the Sonic restaurant has been shut down by the Bell County Health Department due to a recent spill of raw sewage from their temporary operation and Sonic not complying with the Health Department's guidelines and schedules for installing a septic system. Currently Sonic is using a tractor trailer tank for sewage collection.

New Business:

1. Road Safety on Royal Street, Sheryl Russell

Rod Russell addressed the Board with his concerns about the speed of traffic on Royal Street. The speed limit is 25mph, however, Mr. Russell feels that traffic goes much faster on that street in front of his business and has concerns about safety for pedestrians. Mr. Russell suggested several options: erect a stop sign on Royal Street at Baines; have the police patrol the street more frequently; put in speed humps; forbid heavy vehicles from using Royal Street. Chief Rogers will look into the best way to slow people down on that street.

Sheryl Russell also expressed a concern about the loose gravel along Royal Street. This is gravel the county laid down when they resurfaced the street.

2. Landscaping of Municipal Building, Teresa Tolbert

This item was postponed due to illness.

3. Ordinance for Grandfathering Projects

Draft A of a grandfathering ordinance drafted by the Village Attorney was presented to the Board. The Board will review the ordinance and bring this back at a later date.

4. Year-to-Date Financials

The Board reviewed the financials. There were no concerns.

5. Telephone Franchise Fee Ordinance

The telephone franchise fee ordinance is set to expire in July 2006. The Village Attorney will update the ordinance and make any necessary changes. This item will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

6. Pace Park Renovations

Alderman Stalcup reported that he has talked with the two contractors who bid on the Pace Park renovations and has given them some ideas for changes to the scope of work. Alderman Stalcup is currently waiting on bids from the contractors on the changes.

7. Road Repairs Contracts

Alderman Mill reported that she is contacting contractors who resurface roads and is waiting on replies. Alderman Mills requested this item be postponed until she can do more research on the contractors.

Alderman Mills also stated that she has found someone who will re-stripe the section of road from the corner of Old Mill Road and Southridge down the hill to the low water bridge, over the existing striping (approximately 328 feet) for \$50.00 to \$100.00. This was a request made to Alderman Mills at the last Board meeting.

8. Salado Creek Report, TCEQ

Alderman Strong reported that the Brazos River Authority has taken samples of the water in Salado Creek near the Main Street Bridge and has found it to be double the state's minimum requirement for ficl-matter. BRA is currently talking with the Bell County Health Department about posting health safety signs at the creek discouraging the public from getting into the water. Alderman Strong suggested a workshop be held with the BRA and County Health Department on the Salado Creek water quality.

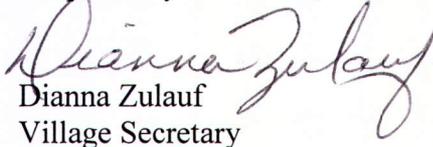
Announcements:

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

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

