

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, July 6, 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, Alan Rogers –Chief of Police, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, citizens: Charlotte Douglass, Van Trans with Bureau Veritas

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

Citizen Comments: There were none.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated June 15th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the Goals Workshop minutes dated June 24th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution: There were none.

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Rogers reported that there were 14 criminal cases filed during the month of June.

Chief Rogers asked the Board for permission to order a new police car now in order to get the car by December 2006. The money to pay for the car will not be due until the car is received and funds to pay for the car will be budgeted in the 2006 – 2007 upcoming budget. A new car is needed due to the two cars having more than 100,000 miles on them and needing constant repair.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to allow Chief Rogers to go ahead and order a new police car. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Director Charbonneau reported that the remodel of the visitors' center in the Civic Center is finished and looks great.

A report on how many inquiries of Salado were generated from magazines was given.

A report on the area Shopping Alliance was given.

See attached.

Unfinished Business:

1. Landscaping of Municipal Building

This issue was postponed due to Salado Garden Club not ready with plan layout.

2. Municipal Court Prosecutor

Alderman Strong stated that Judge Eads has indicated that Salado could use a *local* prosecutor in municipal court. Right now the Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez is the municipal court prosecutor. Judge Eads commented to Alderman Strong that at the moment the prosecutor arrangement is working fine but he feels a local prosecutor will be needed in the future in order to expedite cases and give defendants more opportunities to discuss their cases with the prosecutor. The Board agreed to leave Alan Bojorquez as the municipal court prosecutor for the time being.

New Business:

1. Contractor Building Inspections Outsourcing

Van Trans with Bureau Veritas made a presentation to the Board on how they could help/handle building inspections for the Village. This company would contract with the Village to do plan review and all inspections on building projects. All inspectors with this company are certified professionals. Mr. Trans presented a recommended fee schedule along with other city references. The Board will review the information given and this issue will be put on a future agenda.

2. Adoption of 2006 – 2007 Goals

The completed 2006 – 2007 goals as drafted from the goals workshop held on June 24th were presented.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt the 2006 – 2007 Goals as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

3. Building Permit Ordinance Conflict

The current Zoning Ordinance states that a storage building less than 250 square feet does not need a building permit; the current Building Ordinance states that a storage building less than 20 square feet does not need a permit.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to amend the Building Ordinance to agree with the Zoning Ordinance that a storage building less than 250 square feet does not need a building permit, but does require an inspection to make sure setbacks are met. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

4. Changing to a Type A City Ordinance

An ordinance draft by the Village Attorney was presented that would change Salado's government type from a Type B to a Type A. Alderman Cooper was unclear on whether all of the Board members would have to run for office immediately after changing the type. The concern will be researched and this issue will be put on the July 20th agenda for further consideration.

5. Low Water Crossing Ordinance

Draft B of the Low Water Crossing Ordinance was presented. This ordinance authorizes the police department to make the decision on when to block off low water crossings in Salado and the authority to use certain types of blockades and provides a penalty for those disregarding the blockades.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No. 2006.10. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

6. Pace Park Renovation Bids

Alderman Stalcup presented two revised bids on the renovation/creation of restrooms in Pace Park. Wright Builders was the low bidder at \$43, 527.00. The Village budgeted \$125,000.00 to renovate the funeral home building for the new municipal building, only \$92,409.00 was spent. The Board will use the remainder of the \$125,000.00 for the Pace Park restrooms and amend the budget to allow for the rest of the costs.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to award Wright Builders the contract to renovate/build restrooms in Pace Park and to amend the 2005 – 2006 budget to reflect the appropriate expenditure. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

7. Road Repair Contracts – Resurfacing

Alderman Mills received two bids on resurfacing four streets in town. Wheeler Coatings Asphalt came in as low bidder at \$27,064.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to accept the bid from Wheeler Coatings to resurface Sirena Circle, Mill Creek Lane, 4 spots on Chisholm Trail, and Melissa Circle. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

8. Report on Sewage Committee Meeting

Alderman Strong stated that the V-SEC committee would like to have a workshop with the Board of Aldermen regarding researched sewer system information on Thursday, July 13th @ 5PM. The Board was agreeable. A workshop will be set for that day.

9. Aldermen Serving on Village Committees

Much discussion was made on whether Aldermen should serve on village committees. Concerns have been expressed about that being a conflict.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to phase out Aldermen on all council appointed boards (i.e.: P&Z, ZBA, etc.) and as of October 1, 2007 no Alderman should be serving as a voting member of a council appointed board/committee, but Aldermen may serve on those committees as ex-officio members. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried with four ayes and one no, Alderman Cooper.

Eldon Miller and Debbie Charbonneau left at this point, 8:43.

10. Report on Chisholm Trail Water Plans Meeting

Alderman Strong reported that he attended a meeting of the Chisholm Trail Water Board and learned that Solano Ranch was intending to develop their property into housing lots in 2009 and that the Chisholm Trail Water district is seeking water resources to be able to provide water for the high volume development going on in their district.

11. Traffic Issues at Royal Street and Baines

At the Boards direction Chief Rogers has researched the idea of making the intersection of Royal Street and Baines a four-way stop. This is in response to citizen concerns about cars speeding on Royal Street. Chief Rogers stated that the only way to do this was to build an island at the southwest corner of that intersection. Estimated costs would be between \$6,000 and \$10,000.00. No decision was made. Chief Rogers will continue to monitor that intersection.

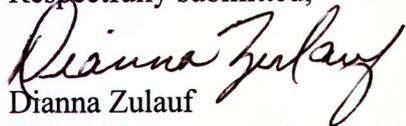
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is July 20, 2006 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe
Mayor

