

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, September 7, 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, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, citizens: Charles Young, Don Ellis, Robert & Doris Denman, Cathy & Larry Sands, George Dentry, John Shipman, Dave & Pat Broecker, Teresa Tolbert, Larry Lilly, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hanik, Ron Harrison, Dr. & Mrs. Limus & daughter, 1 unknown

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

**Citizen Comments:** George Dentry, 601 Whispering Oaks, addressed the Board regarding the Broeckers funeral home project. Mr. Dentry gave a background of the progress of the project and stated his concerns about the fees and requirements that Bureau Veritas was requiring for plan review and inspections. Mr. Dentry suggested the Board form a committee and investigate the suitability of the adopted fee schedule and requirements for Salado.

Larry Lilly, a builder with Lilly Homes expressed his concern about the timing of the transition to Bureau Veritas and the effective date of the new service.

Larry Sands commended the Board for a job well done in governing Salado but also spoke on the Broeckers behalf expressing concerns regarding Bureau Veritas.

Nine citizens signed up to address the Board, only three spoke.

6 citizens left at this point, 6:55.

*Alderman Stalcup made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 17<sup>th</sup> with the removal of the "NOTE" portion following the motion to approve the contract with Bureau Veritas. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:** None

**Chief of Police Report:** No Report

**Report from Tourism Chair:** 2006 – 2007 Budget was reviewed with the Village's proposed budget under Unfinished Business.

**Unfinished Business:**

Item #3 was moved up on the agenda due to Mrs. Tolbert needing to leave the meeting early.

3. Landscaping at Municipal Building

Teresa Tolbert, a representative of the Salado Garden Club, informed the Board that the Garden Club would like to landscape the new municipal building at their own expense. Mrs. Tolbert presented a rough drawing of the plan. The Board was in full agreement and very appreciative.

1. Draft D of 2006 – 2007 Proposed Budgets

The full Budget Preparations packet was reviewed. Alderman Strong suggested exploring the option of contracting for the maintenance worker position instead of hiring a Village maintenance worker and requested that the second sentence on page 6 read “One of the changes is to hire or bid for contracting with a Village maintenance worker”.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to change the above stated wording. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

Robert Denman made the suggestion that the Village investigate hiring an in-house building inspector to keep all of the money in Salado.

The Board was satisfied with the Hotel/Motel proposed budget. No objections.

2. Making Baines @ Royal Street a Four-Way Stop

The Board reviewed an ordinance drafted by the Village’s law firm that would make the intersection of Baines and Royal a four-way stop instead of the current two-way stop. This is an attempt by the Village to curtail excessive speeding on Royal.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to adopt Ordinance No. 2006.16 making the intersection of Baines and Royal a four-way stop. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 no, Alderman Strong.*

Mayor Ashe read an e-mail comment from Mr. Jack Hardin in which he expressed his opposition to making that intersection a four-way stop.

**New Business:**

4. Wiring Emergency Shelter(s) for Generator

Chief Rogers explained that Grace Baptist Church has agreed to be a designated shelter for the Village in an emergency. One of the generators the Village recently purchased needs to be moved to Grace Baptist and the church needs to be wired for the generator. Approximate cost for wiring the church is between \$1,600.00 and \$2,000.00.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to authorize Chief Rogers to spend up to \$2,000.00 to have Grace Baptist Church wired for a generator. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

5. Animal Control Contract with Bell Area Animal Shelter

Chief Rogers explained that Dr. Dunn’s old office on the highway in Belton is now owned and operated as the Bell Area Animal Shelter, a no-kill animal shelter. Salado can contract with the facility to reserve three spaces every month for animals brought in from Salado at a cost of \$105.00 per month. Each additional animal would cost the Village \$35.00 each.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to contract with Bell Area Animal Shelter. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.*

6. Rules for Board of Aldermen Meetings Ordinance Re-adoption

A copy of Ordinance No. 2002.05 with revisions indicated was reviewed by the Board. These revisions were to update the ordinance, i.e.: change physical addresses, change formatting and fonts, delete and add some words, etc. The noted and discussed changes will be implemented and the revised ordinance will be brought back to the Board at a later date for review and possible adoption.

7. Work Truck for Maintenance Worker Position

Mayor Ashe explained that the seized pickup the Village now owns is not powerful enough to haul a trailer with equipment or asphalt; therefore it will not be sufficient for the new maintenance worker position. The Board agreed to wait to purchase a Village vehicle until the investigation of contracting out the job is complete.

8. Position on Trans-Texas Corridor

Alderman Stalcup stated that he believes that the state proposed Trans-Texas Corridor is a disadvantage for the economic growth for Salado and recommends the Board send a letter to the state in opposition of the project.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to authorize Mayor Ashe to send a letter on behalf of the Board of Aldermen disapproving of the TTC-35 to the Governor of Texas and to the Texas Department of Transportation. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

9. Gravel in Salado Creek at Chisholm Trail

Alderman Strong explained that he received a concern/complaint from a citizen about a small piece of property next to Salado Creek at the low water bridge on Chisholm Trail. Gravel has washed up to form a small island/dam and with has caused high weeds and brush to grow. There is some confusion about who actually owns that area. Alderman Cooper will attempt to find out who owns that area. Steve Hanik lives next door to the area and informed the Board that he has been keeping that area mowed but does not know who the owner is. Mr. Hanik now believes the area needs more attention that he can give.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to authorize Horace Kelley to clean that area out with an expenditure of up to \$100.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 no, Alderman Epps.*

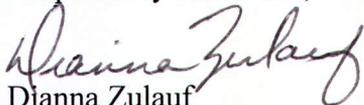
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is September 21, 2006 at 6:30PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Rick Ashe  
Mayor