

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, October 19, 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 Bojorquez – Village Attorney, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, citizens: Jim and Kate Garrett, Danney McCort, 7 other citizens

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

Citizen Comments: Jim Garrett addressed the Board about his concerns and disappointment in the building ordinances and process the Village is currently using. Mr. Garrett feels the ordinance regulations make it too difficult to build in the Historic District. Mr. Garrett no longer wants his commercial property in the Historic District but said he intends to follow the variance process set out by the zoning ordinance in order to build.

Danney McCort asked the Board if another public forum was going to be held to discuss property taxes.

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 21st.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Mills made a motion to approve the public forum minutes dated September 26th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated October 5th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Resolution No. 048 re-adopting an Investment Policy and appointing L. Eldon Miller as Village Investment Officer. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Resolution No. 049 naming the Salado Village Voice Newspaper the official newspaper for the Village government. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

No Report. Chief Rogers did inform the Board that Officer Buchanan saved a life last week using the defibulator donated to the Village last year by the McLain Company.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Tourism Director Charbonneau presented the Board with a tourism report of the number of visitors to the Village and a report on how many brochures are mailed out to different locations in Texas. Director Charbonneau informed the Board that the Tourism Council will meet next Tuesday to discuss the arrangement for the final strategic plan report from John Kelsh, Destination Development.

Debbie Charbonneau left at this point, 6:52

Unfinished Business:

1. Correction of Address for P&Z Recommendation, 2001 Indian Trail

At the last Board meeting a recommendation from the P&Z was heard on a project at 2001 Indian Trail but the agenda stated 1601 Indian Trail.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to correct the address mistake for the record. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

2. Rules for Board of Aldermen Meetings Ordinance Amendment/Re-adoption

The issue of whether the Board could put a regulation in the ordinance stating that if an Alderman missed three consecutive un-excused absences it would cause that Alderman to abdicate their position/office. Village Attorney Alan Bojorquez informed that Board that there is no legal statute that regulates Alderman attendance in a Type B city; however, Local Government Code section 51.0035 allows us to apply to Type B municipalities many of the rules that specifically apply to Type A. Based on this statute it was the opinion of Attorney Bojorquez that the Village could add a section to the Rules for Board of Aldermen Meeting Ordinance stating providing for automatic vacation of position upon three consecutive absences from regular meetings (unless sick or received an excused absence in advance). Bojorquez stated, "Section 51.0035 states that 'A Type B general-law municipality has the same authority, duties, and privileges as a Type A general-law municipality.' This provision allows us to fill-in the blanks left by the Legislature."

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to amend and re-adopt Ordinance No. 2006.17 by inserting a section that regulates the attendance of Aldermen at meetings. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

3. Create Building Ordinance Research Committee

Alderman Mills presented the Board with a list of individuals who have volunteered to serve on a research committee that will review the current building codes and ordinances. There are ten members on the list. Alderman Cooper suggested Vic Means, Linda Blevins and Mary Jo Craig be asked to serve on the committee. It was also suggested that Richard Terio of Temple and Rex Roberts, Belton's city building inspector, be asked to serve. This committee will abide by the Open Meetings Act.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to form a fact finding committee to examine the Village's current building codes and building ordinances. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

4. Village Take-over of Pace Park

Alderman Epps stated that the Village was supposed to take over the management of Pace Park on October 1st but Dianna Zulauf and she have agreed to allow the Chamber to continue to manage Pace Park until the Village hires a maintenance worker.

Chief Rogers suggested the Board consider adopting enforcement ordinance for the Park so that the police department has a law enabling them to enforce regulations in the Park.

5. Building Process – Jim Garrett

Mr. Garrett addressed the Board during Citizens Comments. At this point Mr. Garrett commended the Board on their formation of a building ordinance research committee.

Alderman Stalcup left at this point, 7:42

All but 5 citizens left at this point, 7:47

6. Fiscal Year-end Financials and Quarterly Reports

The Board reviewed the year-end financials. The Village came in over budget on total income by \$48,468.00 and came in over budget on total expenses by \$2,640.79. Hotel/Motel came in over the amended budget in income by \$7,503.00 and came in over the amended budget in expenses by \$310.00.

7. Planning & Zoning Commission Recommendation on Rosanky Request

Secretary Zulauf explained that the Rosanky's have submitted an application to the P&Z commission to repair the façade of their building located at Main Street and Royal Street and replace the wood awning on the front of the building. Due to this property being in the Historic District and connected to one of the Village's designated historic structures, this request was put before the Historical Society. The Historical Society has approved the request. The P&Z made a recommendation to the Board to allow the Rosanky's to make the proposed repairs.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to allow the Rosanky's to make the proposed repairs to their building on Main Street. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

8. City Limit Signs

Alderman Strong stated that a citizen has recommended the Village erect city limit signs in various places in town to indicate where the village city limits end and/or begin. Alderman Strong will research how many signs are needed and how much it will cost and bring this back to the Board at a later date.

9. City Hall Flag Pole

Alderman Strong suggested that the new municipal building needed a flag pole in front to help identify the building. Moving the pole from the old municipal building is not an option due to its size. Alderman Strong will consider writing a letter to the editor asking for donations to help erect a flag pole at the new municipal building.

10. Hazardous Waste Disposal

Alderman Strong suggested the Village have a hazardous waste drop-off spot for the citizens to utilize. CTCOG does a hazardous waste disposal day several times a year for the Central Texas district. Alderman Strong will research this issue and provide more information at a later date.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is November 2, 2006 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe
Mayor

