

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, February 15, 2007
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills(6:45), Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Suzi Epps

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Veronica Rivera – Bovey & Bojorquez Law Firm, citizens: Robert Denman, Judge Don Engleking, Trenace Engleking, Mrs. Engleking (Don't mother), one unknown citizen

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

Citizen Comments: Robert Denman stated that the City of Temple is preparing an ordinance to clean up the city and encouraged the Board of Aldermen to do the same for Salado.

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated February 1st. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution: None

Chief of Police Report: No Report.

Report from Tourism Chair: Alderman Epps presented to the Board a written report from the Tourism Director on Update on Strategic Plan, Visitor Center Report, and Shopping Alliance Report. See attached.

Discussion was made on the proposed bill of a 3% increase of occupancy taxes that the county would use to build a \$5 million expansion of the Expo Center and an RV park with 248 hookups. All lodging facilities in the county would collect this tax from their guest and forward it on to be used at the Expo Center. The Board felt that this is a bad bill for Salado since it would take potential future revenues out of Salado and the Expo Center would not advertise or promote Salado in return.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to authorize Mayor Ashe to send a letter of opposition to county and state Elected Official and, the newspaper.

Unfinished Business:

1. Determination of Sign Compliance in Extraterritorial Jurisdiction for TxDOT
Veronica Rivera informed the Board that TxDOT is needing information from the Village on whether four billboard signs on IH35 south of Salado are in Salado's ETJ and if they are in compliance with the Village's sign ordinance. (This is area TxDOT is trying to purchase to widen IH35.) Three signs are in Salado's ETJ, one is not. All signs are in compliance with height but not surface area. No decision can be made without the property owner first applying for a sign permit

to move the sign further back onto their property and finding out exactly what they want to do with their signs.

New Business:

2. Swearing-in of Secondary Associate Municipal Court Judge
Justice of the Peace Don Engleking was sworn-in by Mayor Ashe as Salado's new secondary Associate Judge. Judge Ted Duffield remains Salado's Associate Judge.

3. Amendment to Waste Disposal Ordinance to Add Temple Iron & Metal
Mayor Ashe informed the Board that Temple Iron & Metal has requested that they be included in Salado's waste/refuse franchise fee ordinance so that they can provide refuse services to customers inside the city limits and collect the 4% franchise fee to be remitted back to Salado. An ordinance amending the refuse franchise fee ordinance was presented.
Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt the amendment ordinance presented to include Temple Iron & Metal contingent upon receiving documentation that the company is bonded.
Motion seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried 3 to 2 with Alderman Mills and Alderman Stalcup opposing.

4. Credit Card Acceptance Presentation by Quickbooks and Secure Government
The Board reviewed written information about how each of these two companies could provide the Village government the ability to accept credit cards for payment. Village Secretary Zulauf has contacted several companies, received extensive information from three, and recommends to the Board to go with Hamer Enterprises.
Motion was made by Alderman Strong to enter into an agreement with Hamer Enterprises.
Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

5. Year-to-Date Financials
The Board reviewed the financials from October 2006 through January 2007. There were no objections.

6. Final Report from Village Sewer Evaluation Committee (VSEC)
Alderman Strong presented to the Board a packet of information put together by his committee on their findings of possible sewage system in the Village. This committee began their research in the fall of 2005. To do a full engineering study would be too costly at this point, approximately \$75,000.00, but have entered into an agreement with Neptune Wilkinson to do a study of whether the Stagecoach Inn sewer system has the capacity to handle Main Street, what can be done to make that happen, and how much it would cost. See attached report for details.

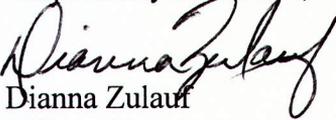
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is March 1, 2007 at 6:30PM. The Board will meet at Pace Park pavilion at 5:30PM to dedicate the new restrooms and the newly renovated old restrooms.

Motion was made by Alderman Mills to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe
Mayor

