

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, March 22, 2007  
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, Veronica Rivera – Village Attorney, citizens: David Apichino, Gary and Mrs. Taylor, 8 unknown

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

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:** None

**Chief of Police Report:** No Report

**Report from Tourism Chair:** No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Legislative Committee Report

Alderman Strong stated that Dianna Zulauf and he went to the State Capitol last week to propose two bills to Representative Delisi in hopes that she would file them for the Village. One bill was changing the annexation laws to allow cities our size to involuntarily annex along major road ways, the other bill was changing the procedure for ETJ inclusion. Representative Delisi would not carry either bills but Senator Fraser has agreed to file the ETJ inclusion bill for the Village (SB1537). (The annexation bill was denied because he felt it was too late in the filing process and didn't have enough information.) The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will handle the bill.

**New Business:**

2. Clean-up Issues, Gary Taylor

Citizen Gary Taylor, 2417 Smith Bluff, addressed the Board with his concerns of erosion from Smith Branch Creek (which runs into Salado Creek) behind his property and the neighboring properties. Brush along the banks and in the water way west of the bridge on Winners Circle and falling rock and dirt from the banks of the bluff east and north of the bridge contribute greatly to flooding. An additional cause is the increase run off water from the hillside and pavement in the area. Mr. Taylor provided pictures of the current erosion and an outline of his thoughts on what is causing the erosion and how to fix the problem. Mr. Taylor stated that he feels property owners have first responsibility to clean and keep clean the area on their property to the creek area but would like the city to help with clearing the waterway itself. The Board will look into what it would take to clear the waterway and possibly secure the banks to help prevent further erosion.

3. Pace Park Regulations

Draft A of an ordinance to implement restrictions in Pace Park for a curfew, no alcohol, and no glass containers was presented. Suggestions were made to make the curfew 10:00PM unless otherwise approved by the Board of Aldermen, and to allow bar-b-que pits but require disposal of ashes in a specifically designated container. Village Attorney Rivera will make the suggested revisions and bring Draft B back to the Board at a later date.

4. Year-to-Date Financials

Treasurer Miller went over the financials for both the Village and Hotel/Motel. Treasurer Miller reminded the Board to be cautious and aware of spending. There were no objections to the financials. Treasurer Miller informed the Board that the annual TXU franchise came in at \$108,000.00. That's below the budgeted amount of \$110,000.00.

5. Report on Sonic Corporation

Alderman Strong reported that he has spoken to Mr. Richter, Senior Vice President of Development with the Sonic Corporation, about the status of reopening the local Sonic restaurant. Sonic is currently working with the franchise owner on legal matters and must resolve those issues before the Sonic can be reopened. There is no anticipated reopening date set at this point.

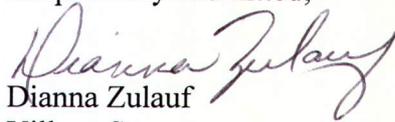
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 5, 2007 at 6:30PM.
2. The quarterly Public Forum will be held on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong 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

