

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

Municipal Building
Thursday, April 19, 2007
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Suzi Epps

Members Absent: Jackie Mills

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, John Simcik – Village Engineer, Veronica Rivera – Village Attorney, citizens: Charlie Turnbo, Rod Russell, Joe Price, Forrest Holloway

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

Citizen Comments: Rod Russell asked the Board to reconsider allowing air rifles to be discharged in the city limits. Currently the Village's weapons ordinance does not allow air rifles. Mr. Russell has a problem with squirrels destroying items on his property.

Mr. Russell also asked the Board to look into ways of controlling the deer population in Salado.

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

Proclamations and/or Resolution: Mayor Ashe read a Proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month

Chief of Police Report: No Report

Report from Tourism Chair: No Report

Unfinished Business:

1. Legislative Committee Report

Alderman Strong reported that Charlotte Douglass and he went to the Capitol last week and visited with the Senators on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and expressed that Salado is in favor of SB1537. Alderman Strong and his wife, Mayor Ashe, Village Attorney Rivera and Secretary Zulauf went to the Committee Hearing yesterday to testify for SB1537. There were no objections to the bill. The bill is pending a vote in the committee and will then go to the Senate Floor.

Village Attorney Rivera informed the Board that SB111 is now on the Senate Floor for approval. This bill is bad for Salado because it would allow billboard sign owners who are required to move their billboard due to construction or widen of IH35 to another location without having to comply with the Village's sign ordinance. This bill does not stipulate who would pay the bill for moving the sign.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to authorize Mayor Ashe to write a letter opposing SB111. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

2. Twelve Oak Estates Subdivision Plat

Alderman Epps stated that the concerns the Board had at the last meeting regarding the width of the driveway easements have been addressed. Tom Barrier with the County Engineer's office has looked at the plat and approves the width due to it being a family who does not intend on selling the lots. The County allows for smaller easements if it is a family plat. The Village still needs a letter from the water company who will serve these lots indicating that water can be available to these lots.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to approve the Twelve Oak Estates family plat as submitted subject to receiving a letter from the water company. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

3. Policy on Village's Responsibility on Clean-up of Salado Creek

Salado Creek has been designated by the State of Texas as a navigable waterway, therefore, neither Salado nor property owners who back up to the creek own the creek. Village Engineer Simcik stated that he believes it is not the responsibility of the Village to clean out Salado Creek other than possibly cleaning out culverts when they get blocked by debris. Village Attorney Rivera stated that she has spoken to TCEQ regarding a city's responsibility. Currently Salado has no obligation to clean out the creek. TCEQ is in the process of adopting regulations for waterways within cities. Secretary Zulauf will draft a policy and bring back to the Board at a later date.

New Business:

4. Aging Central Texas Health Fair

Mayor Ashe explained that the Mayor Covington of Belton has invited all the Board to attend a Health Fair on May 1, 2007 at the T.B. Harris Community Center in Belton.

5. Citizen presentation of Salado Book – Charlie Turnbo

Charlie Turnbo presented the Board with a complimentary copy of his new book, Salado Texas – A Frontier College Town. Mr. Turnbo has spent the last four years researching the Village of Salado's past. Thank you Mr. Turnbo.

6. Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Report

Treasurer Miller went over the financials and quarterly reports for both the Village and Hotel/Motel accounts. There were no objections. Alderman Stalcup stated that he'd like to see a comparison of this year's actuals to the previous year's actuals.

7. Policy on Village's Responsibility on Water Drainage Problems

In the past citizens have asked the Village to help correct drainage problems in their area caused by land changes around them or faulty development. Village Engineer Simcik stated that it is the Village's responsibility to fix drainage problems if the survey indicates a drainage easement. Village Secretary will draft a policy and bring back to the Board at a later date.

8. Pace Park Policy and Village Key Policy

Village Secretary Zulauf asked the Board to adopt these two policies' to be included in the Village's Policies and Procedures manual. The Park policy regulates how the pavilion will be rented and what, if any, exceptions there might be. Alderman Cooper recommended adding a statement at the end, "To the extent that this policy conflicts with any Village ordinances, the Ordinances will trump".

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt the draft Pace Park policy as presented with the addition of the above stated recommendation. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Epps made a motion to adopt the draft Key Policy as presented with the addition of allowing keys to be checked out by Aldermen upon request for a temporary time period. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 16, 2007 at 6:30PM.
General Election is May 12, 2007.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

