

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, January 3, 2008
6:30pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Suzi Epps (6:36), Rick Ashe, Michael Cooper

Members Absent: Forrest Holloway

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, citizens: Ken Clapp

Mayor Ashe called the meeting to order at 6:31, quorum present.

Citizen Comments: None

Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated December 6th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11th Strategic Plan workshop. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations: None

Chief of Police Report: Chief Rogers gave a crime report for December which laid out the offense, the location of each offense, and the total calls for the month. Alderman Cooper requested this kind of report monthly with the addition of the number of hours spent assisting other agencies. Chief Rogers stated that according to the Uniform Crime Report book, Salado cleared 52% of cases in 2007. That is higher than most surrounding cities. Chief Rogers presented a plaque from Target stores that was given to the Mill Creek Homeowners Association recognizing them as “Rookies of the Year for National Night Out”. The plaque will be housed at the police department.

Report from Tourism Chair: Director Charbonneau stated that her department recorded 584 visitors to the tourism department in 2007; however, not all visitors sign the guest book. Director Charbonneau stated that according to business owners in town the Christmas Stroll was a success.

Unfinished Business:

1. Annexation Ordinance for Country Boy’s Convenience Store
Ordinance No. 2008.01 was presented that would annex the property of Country Boy’s convenience store into the Village limits. This annexation is upon the request of the property owner. All public hearings and notices have been complied with. There were no objections to the annexation from citizens.
Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No. 2008.01 annexing Country Boy’s convenience store into the Villages city limits. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

2. Update Employee Handbook

This issue was brought back to the Board from a previous meeting. The two main items added to the handbook were to include Veterans Day as a paid employee holiday and add a provision to allow employees to appeal their termination to the Board of Aldermen. Other changes were administrative and typographical.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to approve the changes recommended in the handbook and to include in the addition of allowing employees to appeal their termination the open meetings act provision that allows employees to request open or closed sessions for the appeal. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

3. Zoning Board of Adjustment Recommendation on Church of Christ Variance Request

Mayor Ashe explained that the Church of Christ requested a distance between buildings variance on a storage building they have put up. The storage building and the main building are closer together than the zoning ordinance allows. The Church has agreed to fire proof the storage building as requested by the ZBA. The ZBA recommends approval of the variance to the Board of Alderman.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to grant the variance request by the Church of Christ as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

4. Update Sign Ordinance to Include Fence Signs

It was thought that the Village's current sign ordinance did not include fence signs; however, during the meeting the provision was found in the ordinance. It was recommended that a provision be put in the ordinance on how long a temporary sign advertising an event or promotion could stay up. This ordinance would replace the current sign ordinance and its amendments.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to include in the sign ordinance that a temporary sign advertising an event or promotion could be erected seven days prior to the event or promotions beginning and must be taken down sixty days after the date it was erected. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

5. Update of Village's Solicitation/Itinerant Vendor Ordinance

Three changes to the current Solicitation/Itinerant Vendor Ordinance were made: 1) add a provision that vendors must submit an application at least seventy-two hours in advance of their solicitation, 2) add a provision that all vendors selling items for human consumption must obtain a food handlers permit from the health department, and 3) add Code Officer as an individual who may receive vendor applications. The other changes were administrative and typographical. This ordinance would replace the Village's current Solicitation/itinerant Vendor ordinance and it's amendments.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No. 2008.03 with the recommended and presented changes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is January 17, 2008 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor