

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, March 20, 2008
6:30pm

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Veronica Rivera – Assistance Village Attorney, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, citizens: 13

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

Citizen Comments: Danney McCort, 406 Royal View, asked the Board (regarding property tax) what exemptions the Board will put in place.

Mike Williamson, 407 Salado Creek Place, suggested that the Board convince citizens of the need of a property tax and be creative and find other revenue sources instead of a property tax.

Charlotte Douglass, 317 Salado Creek Place, thanked the Board for working hard to allow the Village to go this long (7 years) without a tax and stated that she knows a tax is now needed.

Raymond Carver, 100 Rock Creek, encouraged the Board to reject plans to implement a property tax and stated that he feels a city manager is not needed. Mr. Carver asked the Board to concentrate on improvements to the creek and the arts in Salado.

Jack Hardin, 601 Ridgecrest Dr., opposed property tax and encouraged the Board to seek other sales tax revenue sources.

Ken Culver, 736 McKay Lane, suggested the Board cut their spending and live within the current means.

Tim Fleischer asked the Board if they have considered a referendum to acquire ½ of the library tax for the Village government. Alderman Stalcup stated that the library tax was put in place by the citizens and if the citizens feel a portion of that tax should now go to the Village government, they need to do a referendum.

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated March 6th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: No Report.

Report from Tourism Chair: No Report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Letter of Support for Highlands of Salado Development

Assistant Village Attorney Veronica Rivera has spoken with the developer's engineer on this project and reviewed the draft wastewater treatment application. Two maps indicating the areas of development and where the treatment plant would be located were presented. The wastewater discharge permit would include the downtown area of the Village, and the treatment plant is being built for an extra capacity of 100,000 gallons per day. The developer intends to acquire a CCN for their development only. The Village would not be included in the CCN, except for the small portion of the Village located within the proposed development. Based on the attorney's review of the draft permit application Attorney Rivera recommends approval of a letter of support as requested by the developer and being included in the wastewater discharge permit. There was some concern about where runoff from the treatment site would go. Currently runoff would go from the plant site into Smith Branch creek and then into Salado Creek.

Alderman Stalcup made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft a letter of support. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion failed with two ayes and three nos.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to have the Village Engineer take a look at the application and the drainage and set up a meeting with the developer to discuss capacity and engineering effects. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

2. Report on Meeting with Fugro Consultants on Municipal Road Repair

Alderman Cooper and Alderman Strong met with representatives from Fugro Consultants and the Village Engineer to discuss the condition of Village roads and plan for repairs with a timeline. Fugro is willing to train individuals with the Village to evaluate roads at a cost of approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.00. Alderman Cooper and Alderman Strong will get a formal package proposal for training and bring this issue back at a later date.

3. Contract with Central Texas Council of Governments on Developing a Strategic Plan

Alderman Holloway has met with Mr. Chris Boleman from A&M University regarding guidance through a strategic plan. Mr. Boleman is willing to help the Village through a strategic plan for only the cost of reimbursement on mileage and meals.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to authorize Village Secretary Zulauf to set up a meeting with Mr. Boleman. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

4. Annex A, B, and G of the Emergency Operations Plan

Chief Rogers presented all three Annexes with minor changes. Annex A: Pg A7, add "Salado does not currently have warning sirens". Pg A9(f), complete telephone warning system and procedure. Pg A-4-3(b), complete telephone warning system procedure. Annex B: Pg 4A(1&3) and 4B(1b), replace COUNTY/CITY with VILLAGE OF SALADO. Pg 6C(f), added Village of Salado Maintenance Department. Pg 6(2), added Salado CERT. Annex G: Pg G-10, C(2), added Lieutenant Mike Matarazzo. Pg G-13, completed address and contact information for government contacts.

5. Year-to-Date Financials

Treasurer Miller went over the financials. The Village is doing well following budgetary constraints. There were no objections.

6. Possible Implementation of a Property Tax

Assistant Village Attorney Rivera explained the process and timeline for adopting and implementing a tax. Discussion was made on an estimated rate and possible exemptions.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to set an estimated ad valorem tax rate of \$.25.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 no, Alderman Holloway.

7. Contracting with Bell County Tax Appraisal Office for Appraisal and Collection of Taxes

The agreement from the Tax Appraisal office was presented. The Board will look it over and bring this item back at a later date.

8. Discussion of Beer & Wine Ordinance

Assistant Village Attorney Rivera explained that the purpose of draft A of a Beer & Wine ordinance presented dictates which zoned areas beer & wine can be sold in. The Board will review the draft ordinance and bring this back at a later date.

9. Memorandum of Understanding with SISD on Emergency Management Plan

Chief Rogers explained that the memorandum of understanding presented states that SISD would provide buses and drivers during an emergency and that the Village would reimburse them for fuel.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to authorize Chief Rogers to sign the memorandum of understanding as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

10. Possible Appointment of Code Enforcement Official

Village Secretary Zulauf explained the need for a code enforcement official and gave examples of situations where one would be needed. Alderman Epps has been acting and will continue to act as the code official until she is off the Board in May. The Board will look into other options and bring this issue back at a later date.

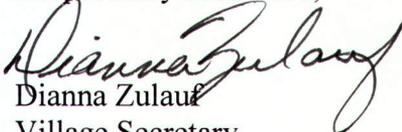
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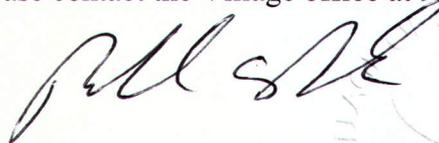
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is April 3, 2008 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor