

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

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

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Bob Pascoe, Stephen Peters, Carol Walls, Mike Cooper

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, citizens: 16

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

**Citizen Comments:**

Susan Terry with the Mill Creek Association stated that along with the Ladies Auxiliary these two organizations feel strongly about emergency sirens in town and will begin fund raising efforts to assist in the costs.

*Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated June 19th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

*Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the budget workshop minutes dated July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried unanimously.*

**Chief of Police Report:** No Report.

**Report from Tourism Chair:** No Report.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Planning & Zoning Recommendations on Comprehensive Plan Changes

Alderman Peters suggested that the recommended change on page 3.3 to add a minimum commercial lot size of 1 acre be removed, but added to page 3.6. Alderman Peters also suggested that the recommended change on pages 10.2 & 10.5 to add a sentence indicating that the current hotel/motel tax is now 7% and the previous 4% be removed entirely.

*Motion was made by Alderman Peters to accept the recommended changes presented by the Planning & Zoning Commission with the changes stated above. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.*

2. 2007 – 2008 Amended Budget Ordinance

Alderman Peters suggested that along with the changes recommended at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, decrease the City Manager line item from \$30,000 to \$0. This item to be put on the July 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for adoption.

3. Purchase of Maintenance Work Truck

Alderman Pascoe presented descriptions of five used pickups for consideration.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to authorize Alderman Pascoe to talk with Don Ringler Chevrolet about purchasing one of their used pickups with a maximum purchase price of \$7,950.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls, motion carried 4 to 1 with Alderman Peters opposing.*

**New Business:**

4. Emergency Alarm System

Cathy Sands stated that she felt an alarm system is desperately needed in the Village for citizen protection. Mrs. Sands asked the Board for assistance and support for getting sirens in place. The Board will look into adding money into the '08-'09 budget. Fire Chief Young stated that the old siren on a pole near the fire station has not worked in years and belongs to the fire department. Chief Young suggested areas to erect a new siren, Royal Street water tower, Blackberry north of Royal, by Brookshire Brothers grocery, and far northeast corner of Mill Creek. Chief Young will check with county about their sirens.

5. Langford Agency Grant Writing Presentation

Margaret Hardin with Langford made a presentation on their background and services they can provide regarding grants. Mr. Hardin stated that it would be difficult for Salado to qualify for grants due to Salado being less than 51% low to moderate income.

6. Tourism Department Lease Agreement

This issue was postponed pending a revised agreement from the Village Attorney.

7. 2008 – 2009 Goals

The previous years goals were presented. The Board went through the goals, took out the goals that have been completed and added: to 1 year goals – move item #14 to the 2 to 5 year goals. In the 2 to 5 year goals – invest in automated speed limit sign, invest in surveillance cameras, and invest in financial software.

**Adjourn into Executive Session at 8:15**

1. Village Staff Salaries

**Reconvene into Regular Session**

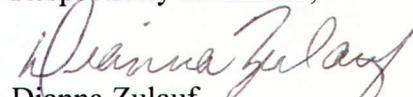
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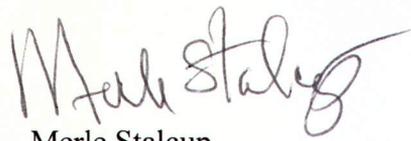
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is June 16, 2008 at 6:30PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Merle Stalcup  
Mayor

