

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, February 4, 2010 6:00pm

Members present: Stephen Peters, Danney McCort, Susan Terry, Carol Walls, Bryan Fritch

Members Absent: Merle Stalcup

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 11

Mayor Protem Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Mayor Protem Walls gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments:

Jeff Kelley, 2551 Royal Street - Concerned that the Village's building permit fees are too high and feels it may be discouraging businesses from opening in Salado. Asked the Board to review the fee schedule and make it easier for professionals and businesses to work with the city.

Charlene Carson, 314 Royal View Rd. - Commented on agenda item #3 regarding the variance to allow the serving of alcohol in Pace Park. Wanted to know if the Pace family has been contacted about this request and stated that there may be a condition in the agreement with the Pace family that if alcohol is sold/served the park reverts back to the Pace family.

Alderman Terry made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated January 14th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Fritch made a motion to approve the special called meeting minutes dated January 27th. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Hensley reported 176 calls for service during December; 97% inside the city, 3% outside. Average response time was 4:47. There were 124 C.O.P.S. man hours spent.

Unfinished Business:

1. Amendment to Contractor Registration Ordinance Increasing Fees, Appointing a Default Building Official, and Exempting Plumbing Contractors from Paying Annual Fees

This was the second reading of this proposed ordinance amendment.

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 2010.02 as presented with the addition of adding "Septic System Contractor" after Electrical Contractor on page 3, Section 3B. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2. Ordinance Calling for a May 8th General Election (First Reading)
Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adopt Ordinance No. 2010.03 calling for a May 8th General Election. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.
3. Variance Request from Tourism Director Debbie Charbonneau to Allow the Serving of Alcohol at Pace Park
Based on the comments from citizen Charlene Carson, Director Charbonneau withdrew her request pending further research.
Motion was made by Alderman Peters to table this item. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.
4. Recommendation from Tourism Council to Expend Occupancy Tax Funds to Upgrade Electric Service at the Civic Center to Assist with Texas Renewable Energy Event in April
Director Charbonneau stated that she has been working with the Civic Center on bringing in large events to utilize the Civic Center and that the electrical service on the outside of the building needs to be upgraded and expanded to accommodate the April Texas Renewable Energy event. Total cost is about \$5,200.00. Tourism, Village, and Civic Center would each pay 1/3. The Tourism Council has voted to expend the funds for H.O.T. dollars.
Motion was made by Alderman Terry to have the tourism department pay both the Village's and the tourism's portion, totaling \$3,466.00, to be paid when the work is complete and charged to Visitor Services. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.
5. Allocation of Funds (from General Fund Account) to Upgrade Electric Service at the Civic Center to Assist with Texas Renewable Energy Event in April
Negated by action of agenda item #4.
6. Presentation by Leadership Salado of Proposed Project for Installing Electronic Signage in Three Locations on Main Street
Wil Lowery and Bill Shepperd stated that Leadership Salado was looking at a project to put three electronic signage/kiosks along Main Street to assist visitors with a list and location of businesses in town. The tourism department would fund the electronic equipment. The funds have been approved by the tourism council. Verbal agreement has been acquired by property owners to put the kiosks on their property. The goal is to sell enough advertising on the kiosks to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the kiosks. The Village would do a rent-to-own type agreement with the maker of the equipment.
Motion was made by Alderman Peters to approve the proposal/concept and allow Leadership Salado to continue to work with the tourism department to endorse the project. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

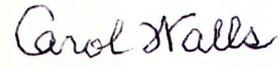
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is February 18, 2010 at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Carol Walls
Mayor Protem

