

Village Board of Aldermen  
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen  
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.  
Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:00pm

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

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 2

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

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

**Citizen Comments:** None

*Alderman Fritch made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 5th. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort, motion carried unanimously.*

**Chief of Police Report:** Chief Hensley reported 176 calls for service during July, 98% inside the city and 2% outside. Average response time was 5 minutes 16 seconds; 16 alarm calls.

**Report from Tourism Chair:** Director Charbonneau presented the Tourism Tidbits one-page newsletter the tourism department puts together each month giving dates for upcoming events, retail shop news, etc.

The Visitor Center is now open in its new location on Main Street in the William Reed historical log cabin.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Amend Zoning Ordinance Use Chart to Include "Sporting Goods Store" as Allowable in Local Retail Districts and to Allow Planning and Zoning Commission to Appoint their Chairman *Second Reading*

The amended Zoning Ordinance was presented. There were no comments from citizens received on the amendment.

*Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adopt Ordinance No. 2010.07 as amended. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.*

**New Business:**

2. Year-to-Date Financials

Alderman Peters briefly went over the financials and the recently received six month financial from the Fire Department as required by agreement with the department. There were no objections.

3. Amendment to Employee Handbook, Requirements for Using Compensatory Time

Alderman Fritch explained that the current employee handbook spoke very little about compensatory time and presented the Board with a revision to that section. There are three employees currently with exempt status as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Board directed the Mayor to have a meeting with the three employees and come up with a revision that would work best and bring this issue back to the Board at a later date.

*Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to table this issue pending further research. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters; motion carried unanimously.*

4. Sign Variance Request by Ace Hardware

Russell Allen, Manager for Kieth's Ace Hardware, requested a variance to the sign ordinance allowing them to place two illuminated signs on the old Brookshire Brothers building, now Ace Hardware. This variance is required due to the space being part of a multi-tenant complex.

*Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to grant the variance as requested. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 no, Alderman Peters.*

5. Establish Proposed Property Tax Rate for 2010

Alderman Peters explained that the effective tax rate established by the Bell County Tax Appraisal District for Salado is .0486 and the tax rate currently on the proposed 2010-2011 budget is .0492, which would create a tax rate increase of 1.234%. A home valued at \$100,000.00 would see an increase in property taxes of \$.60/year.

*Motion was made by Alderman Peters to adopt a property tax rate of .0492 for the budget year of 2010-2011. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.*

6. Proposed Hotel/Motel Budget Amendment First Reading

Alderman Peters explained that state law indicates that Hotel/Motel spending cannot exceed the budget and the current financials indicate that may happen without an amendment. A draft budget amendment was presented with a few changes by Alderman Peters. The amendment would increase the expenditure budget by \$41,300.00, making the total budget for expenditures for the fiscal year \$280,000.00.

**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is September 2, 2010 at 6:00PM. This will be the first of two public hearings on the proposed 2010-2011 budgets.

Adjourned at 6:43PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary



Merle Stalcup  
Mayor