

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
PUBLIC HEARING
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, September 15, 2011 6:00pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Stephen Peters, Danney McCort, Susan Terry, Hans Fields

Members Absent: Carol Walls

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, Alan Bojorquez - Village Attorney, citizens: 40

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments: There were two written comments submitted both in favor of moving forward with the proposed wastewater system.

Chris Hale, 1910 Guess Dr. - represented the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hale is in favor of all three proposed projects; wastewater, monument signs, and public restrooms are all vital to community.

Will Lowery, 602 Center Circle - Mr. Lowery is in favor of proposed tax increase to fund projects. Mr. Lowery feels it's better to pay additional taxes now and be competitive with other cities then to wait and have to pay more taxes later to recover.

Charlotte Douglass, 317 Salado Creek Place - Reminded those present that the bridge on Main Street is state owned and maintained and that at incorporation it was stated the Village could survive on sales tax for several years but not forever. Mrs. Douglass is in favor of funding monument signs with proposed ad valorem taxes.

Alderman McCort made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 1st. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry, motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Clearwater has changed wireless phone companies to monitor the creek. Bush's Chicken still does not have a Bell County Health Department septic permit. The Fire Chief has reviewed the mobile food trailer at Celebration Center and has determined there are fire hazards that must be corrected. Talks still in progress with Belton city manager and mayor and Rangers Promise subdivision on ETJ swap. New Mexican restaurant to open on Monday. EOP procedures are being reviewed by Mayor, Chief Hensley and School district. Meetings are planned with T.W.D.B. regarding an application for funds for the proposed wastewater project. Mayor is looking into historical information on the Stagecoach Inn wastewater treatment facility. Mayor is talking with TxDOT regarding Main Street maintenance and beautification prior to Village taking the street over. Security cameras have been installed in city hall. Police Department has received grant from Bell County for body cameras for officers. Salado Volunteer Fire Department is having their annual fish fry this Saturday.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

1. Appointment of Three Tourism Council Members, Alternate, Council Chair, Co-Chair (Mayor Stalcup)
Director Charbonneau stated tourism council met and recommends the appointment of Larry Prellop, Bill Shepperd, and Jack Schrock as tourism council members, George Dentry as tourism council alternate, Ronnie Tynes as tourism council chair, and Jack Schrock as tourism council co-chair. *Motion was made by Alderman Peters to appoint the tourism council positions as stated above. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.*
2. Discussion of Proposed Wastewater System (Mayor Stalcup) Public Comment Item
Larry Sands, 417 N. Main Street - Mr. Sands explained the problem with the septic at Old Town Center. It is imperative that the Village install a sewer system as soon as possible to ensure the shopping center will be usable in the future.
Bill Kinnison, 1216 Salado Oaks Dr. - Mr. Kinnison is in favor of tax increase for sewer system and feels it is a sanitary issue that needs to be addressed.
Claire Hartman, 4064 Betty Place - Losses of businesses have and will continue to be incurred if sewer system is not put in place.
Bob Denton, 381 Quail Ridge - Mr. Denton was representing the Library. The Library is in favor of the wastewater system proposal and feels the economic welfare of the Village is vital to the Library.
3. Discussion of Proposed Monument Signs (Mayor Stalcup) Public Comment Item
Ronnie Tynes, 1116 Salado Oaks - Represented the tourism council. Is in favor of monument signs and encouraged Board to proceed with them.
4. Discussion of Proposed Public Restrooms (Mayor Stalcup) Public Comment Item
Ronnie Tynes, 1116 Salado Oaks - Represented the tourism council. Is in favor of building more public restrooms.
5. Adoption of Proposed 2011-2012 General Fund Budget and 2011-2012 Hotel/Motel Budget Ordinance (Mayor Stalcup) Second Reading, Public Hearing Item
Tim Fleischer, 912 Cedar Park Cr. - The current tax rate is starving the Village. Encouraged the Board to adopt highest rate possible and is in favor of sewer system in phases. Need to improve parks and roads.
William Hartman, 4064 Betty Place - Salado needs sewer system.
Alderman Peters recommended the Board remove \$.02 of the proposed ad valorem tax that was to pay for building public restrooms and use expected additional revenue from increased water franchise fees to build the restrooms. Alderman Peters also recommends increasing road budget to \$150,000.00 by dedicating \$.07 ad valorem tax to roads. This would make a total tax of \$.12 instead of the originally proposed \$.14. The \$.12 ad valorem tax would be broken down and dedicated as follows: \$.05 for maintenance and operation, \$.07 for road repair/resurfacing. Monument signs would be paid out of reserves and public restrooms would be paid with additional water franchise fee monies.
Motion was made by Alderman Terry to adopt the proposed budgets with the changes stated above. Motion was seconded by Alderman McCort; motion carried unanimously.

6. Adoption of Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance (Mayor Stalcup) *Second Reading, Public Hearing Item*
William Hartman, 4064 Betty Place - warned the Board about piecing the budget and tax rate together.
Motion was made by Alderman McCort to adopt Ordinance No. 2011.07 with the amendment of changing the ad valorem tax rate from \$.14 to \$.12 and change the tax rate increase percentage from last year from 188% to 144%. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fields; motion carried unanimously.
7. Year-to-Date Financials (Alderman Peters)
There were no objections to the financials.
8. Selection of Audit Firm for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (Alderman Peters)
Two bids were received from firms to do the 2010-2011 annual audit.
Motion was made by Alderman Peters to accept the audit bid from Donald Allman of from \$6,000 to \$7,000. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fields; motion carried unanimously.
9. Renewal of Village's Official Newspaper Resolution (Mayor Stalcup)
Motion was made by Alderman McCort to adopt Resolution No. 079 appointing the Salado Village Voice as the Villages official newspaper and the Temple Daily Telegram as the secondary newspaper. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 6, 2011 at 6:00PM.

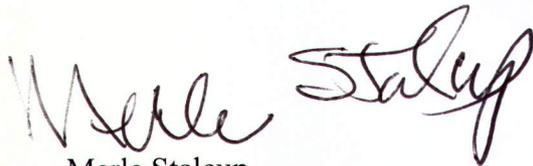
Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Merle Stalcup
Mayor

