Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, July 5, 2012 6:00pm

Members present: Stephen Peters, Danney McCort, Susan Terry, Shannon Ashe, Hans Fields, Bryan Fritch

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Barker – Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, citizens: 45

Mayor McCort 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:

John Jennings - feels that the Village is making every effort to assist Johnny Bratton in making his project work and not concerned about residents in the area.

Brian Dunlap - protested the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance to allow Music/Dancing; concerned about health issues, loud noise, behavior of patrons to restaurant, and possible diminished property values. Presented for record notarized protests from some of the property owners on Salado Creek Road.

Mary Dutton - due to her having a special needs child, Ms. Dutton feels she will be forced out of her home if Johnny builds the music/dance project on his property behind her home. Presented for record a letter from Scott & White pediatrician describing her child's condition.

Joe Rex - has no problem with Johnny's project but is concerned about possible noise, property values, safety, and quality of life. Mr. Rex asked the Board to reconsider Johnny's permit and to make sure that there will be no parking on Salado Creek Road by Johnny's patrons and to keep the noise at the current ordinance regulations.

Dave Hermann - spoke on behalf of Johnny's. Mr. Hermann feels Johnny's project will be great for Salado's economic well being.

Josh Bratton - thanked the Board for their assistance with his project. Mr. Bratton feels this project will help keep money in Salado and has received support from other businesses and residents and will operate this venue with great detail and care.

Johnny Bratton - appreciates the opportunity to speak. Mr. Bratton feels wrong accused for things that have not happened; encouraged the Board to vote for the amendment.

Alderman Fritch made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated June 21st with the change under New Business, item #3, that it be noted that Alderman Fields recused himself from voting on that issue. Motion was seconded by Alderman Terry, motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Reconsideration of Providing $20,000.00 in Funds to the Advertising Group for Advertising the Village (Alderman Fields)
   Alderman Fields has read the Comprehensive Plan and feels advertising and economic development are two different items and wants to see the Tourism Department administer the money for advertising instead of the Advertising Group of business owners.
   Motion was made by Alderman Fields to transfer $20,000.00 from the general fund to tourism fund to be used for advertising Salado in a 50 mile radius. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Include Mobile Food Units/Vendors and Music/Dancing *First Reading*
   Motion was made by Alderman Fields to table this issue due to the Historical Society not being notified of the P&Z meeting where this amendment was discussed. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch; motion failed 1 to 4.
   Alderman Peters feels the definition for music/dancing does not speak to outdoor music/dancing and that this item should be made Conditional, not Permitted.

3. Resolution for Board of Aldermen to Act as Zoning Board of Adjustment
   This item was tabled pending a response from the Village Attorney

4. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission on Tuscany on the Creek Subdivision
   Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to approve the Tuscany on the Creek subdivision as presented and recommended by the P&Z Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters; motion carried unanimously.

5. Recruitment and Hiring of a New Patrol Officer for the Village of Salado
   Alderman Fritch presented a written statement to the Board outlining his reasons for hiring a new officer. The department is short one officer which causes the other officers to not be able to vacations or mandated training.
   Motion was made by Alderman Fritch to create a fifth officer position and the Chief be directed to immediately recruit and fill that position. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fields; motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is July 19, 2012 at 6:00PM.

Adjourned at 6:56

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Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Barker
Village Secretary

Danney McCort
Mayor