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Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, January 15, 2015 6:30pm

Members present: Skip Blancett, Fred Brown, Michael McDougal, Amber Preston Dankert, Frank Coachman, Hans Fields

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Kim Foutz - Village Administrator, Douglas Hansen – Village Secretary, Jack Hensley - Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Executive Director

I. Call To Order : Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, quorum present.

1. Larry Sands lead the invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

II. Reports:

Mayor's Report: The Mayor announced that negotiations were ongoing for the Sanctuary project, the largest development Salado has contemplated. The Village is establishing three committees to lay the foundations for this and other development projects. Everyone in the Village should be able to have a say in how the Village moves forward; the committees will communicate with citizens as frequently as possible. These projects will set precedents for how Village development will proceed and how the Village protects its historic and cultural importance.

The Development / Economic Development Agreement Committee will examine the technical specifications of projects, including details like streets, parks, and landscaping. It will describe the details of the deal including timing, roles, costs, and funding incentives. The members of the Development / Economic Development Agreement Committee are Frank Coachman, Fred Brown, Dave Broecker, and Steve Irving.

The Wastewater Committee will examine the details of the wastewater treatment and sewer project, to include financial contributions, land right of use, permits, timing, and ownership of the project. This committee will have a long life. The members of the Wastewater Committee are David Olson, Hans Fields, Travis Quicksall, and Fred Brown.

The Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and Annexation Committee was originally the Zoning Committee. It will examine how other cities handle ETJ and annexation, voluntary annexation, ETJ agreements, and development agreements. The ETJ / Annexation Committee members are Amber Dankert, Michael McDougal, a representative of Bartlett Realty, Larry Sands, and Claire Hartman.

Next Monday at 3:00 p.m., the Mayor will have a meeting with Roger, the CEO of Sanctuary. There will be no negotiations at this meeting; it will be a question and answer session.

Aldermen Updates:

Alderman Dankert announced that she is looking into complaints about buzzards at the creek. She and Alderman McDougal had a meeting with Parks and Wildlife earlier on January 15th. There is a six week process to work with Bell County to remove the birds. Aldermen Dankert and McDougal also discussed addressing the problem of excessive deer in the city by getting permits from Parks & Wildlife to remove them. Alderman Dankert said that the Village had provided incorrect documents to the Salado Village Voice previously and that she would provide the correct documents in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown reported that Main Street had an excellent feel during Christmas and that a contract with Texas A&M would aim to give Main Street that feel year-round.

Alderman McDougal reported that there will be ads placed for bids for the construction on Mill Creek Dr, Thomas Arnold, and Salado Plaza. The ads will be placed on Sunday February 1st and Sunday February 8th. Pre-bids will be

Tuesday February 10th and Open bids will be February 17th. The bids will be considered by the board at the first board meeting in March. Construction should begin approximately April 1st. Alderman McDougal asked citizens for patience with the construction and said that the budget for the construction was approximately $400,000 which would help cover two or possibly all three of the streets, depending on the bids.

The Mayor thanked the Aldermen for their reports.

III. Proclamations: none

IV. Public Comments:

No public comments were made.

V. Consent Agenda

5. Alderman Fields pointed out that there were spelling errors in the minutes for the December 11th meeting and moved that they be removed from the consent agenda. Alderman McDougal moved that the minutes of the December 16th meeting be approved as given and the minutes of the December 11th meeting be considered separately. Alderman Coachman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Alderman Fields pointed out the spelling errors. Alderman McDougal made a motion to accept the minutes of December 11th with the changes noted. Alderman Fields seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Regular Agenda:

Resolutions – none

Public Hearings / Ordinances:

6. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Village Administrator Kim Foutz made a presentation regarding an ordinance authorizing amendment to the budget beginning October 1, 2014. She noted that the budget establishes two new funds. It alters the chart of accounts, adds line items in the general fund for park fees, police forfeitures, and vehicle registration fees from the county. It establishes reserve funds. The street funds will use carryover funds from last year. It includes expenses for accounting, records management, and information technology. The last BOA meeting authorized $25,000 for building renovations. The budget also eliminates $20,000 in advertising expenditures.

The Mayor called for public comment. Tim Fleischer, Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, noted that the Chamber of Commerce reviewed the budget with Kim Foutz and voted unanimously to approve it. He expressed appreciation of Kim's hard work with the budget.

The Mayor called for further public comment. No further comments were made. Alderman Coachman made a motion to accept the budget, and Alderman Dankert seconded.

Alderman Coachman asked what the Village was getting for the money spent on the Salamander project. Alderman Dankert explained that two or three studies would be done at the Creek with goal of making sure that the Salamander remains only at the "threatened" level and does not become endangered. Alderman Fields asked if the payroll costs on the budget were yearly or monthly charges and Kim Foutz clarified that they are yearly charges.

Alderman Coachman called the question for vote and the motion passed four to one with Alderman Fields voting against.

7. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Village Administrator Kim Foutz gave a presentation on the proposed Itinerant Vendors ordinance. The Mayor called for questions or comments. Tim Fleischer, address on file, said that he has researched Itinerant Vendor fees for other Bell County cities, and said that the proposed fees would be the highest in the county with the exception of Belton. He said that the fees seem excessive even considering that itinerant vendors do not pay property taxes, and that the fee schedule could drive away businesses the Village would otherwise wish to have.

Merle Stalcup, address on file, commented that he agreed that the Village needed an ordinance but also felt the fee for food truck vendors in particular was excessive.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown proposed that the fee for food trucks be changed to $250 per year. Alderman McDougal and Alderman Fields agreed that $250 a year was better for the City and for Vendors. Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the modified Food Truck fee as discussed. Alderman McDougal seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

8. Merle Stalcup presented details regarding a proposed canopy worth approximately $7,000 for the Pace Park playground to be donated to the city by the Rotary Club of Salado. Alderman Dankert commented that the donation would be excellent for children and asked about maintenance. Mr. Stalcup stated that maintenance would be minimal. Alderman Dankert made a motion to accept the donation, Alderman McDougal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Village Administrator Kim Foutz gave a presentation on a proposed contract with Texas A&M University. Alderman McDougal made a motion to continue to examine the contract, Alderman Coachman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Village Administrator Kim Foutz commented that this item was budget housekeeping, as the fund for Leadership Salado had already been approved previously in the budget. Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the agreement with Leadership Salado as given, Alderman Coachman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Executive Session:

11. Mayor Blancett closed the regular meeting at 7:55 pm. The building was cleared and the Mayor opened an Executive Session from 7:55 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for in Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

VII. Regular Session

12. The Mayor re-opened the Regular Meeting at 8:13 p.m. Village Administrator Kim Foutz introduced Douglas Hansen. Alderman Coachman made a motion to ratify the appointment of Douglas Hansen as Village Secretary. Alderman Dankert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:
Next Scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting is Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
SKIP BLANCETT, Mayor of the Village of Salado, Texas

ATTEST: _____
DOUGLAS A. HANSEN, Village Secretary

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