

Village of Salado, Texas
Special Called Meeting and Workshop, Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road

Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman David Williams.

Others present: Kim Foutz, Village Administrator; Leah Hayes, Village Attorney; Chrissy Lee, Code Enforcement Clerk; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary.

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

II. Regular Agenda.

Administrator Foutz reviewed highlights of the Hotel/Motel Fund and the Chamber Fiduciary Fund for FY 2015-16. She said the Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee forecasts a drop in Hotel/Motel tax revenues, from \$215,000 in the current fiscal year to \$180,000 for FY 2015-16 because of the closing of the Stagecoach Inn. There was lengthy discussion about the budget for the public restrooms and who should bear those costs. Mayor Pro Tempore Brown asked that \$50,000 be moved from Hotel/Motel reserves and into the Hotel/Motel fund for public relations and that this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Alderman Williams was the second sponsor to put the item on the agenda. Administrator Foutz said the request would be on the agenda for the September 24, 2015, meeting. There was discussion about the value of billboards as a public relations tool. There was discussion about the composition of the Chamber/Tourism staff and compensation for the new executive director.

III. Public Hearings.

Tax Rate.

Mayor Blancett opened the second public hearing on the tax rate at 6:56 p.m.

Brian Sunshine, 926 North Ridge Road, questioned the rise in taxes over the years and the debt service brought on by the sewer bond issue.

The mayor made the second call for speakers at 7 p.m.

The mayor made the third call for speakers at 7:01 p.m.

The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Budget.

Administrator Foutz reviewed the revised budget and noted that a copy was available for review in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing on the budget at 7:17 p.m.

Sue Hahn, 408 O.W. Lowery, spoke about the Hotel/Motel Fund and the Chamber Fiduciary Fund and the need to take a closer look at these proposed revenues.

The mayor gave the second call at 7:25 p.m.

David Hahn, 408 O.W. Lowery, spoke about the deer overpopulation and encouraged the Board of Alderman to commit funds to solving the problem.

The mayor gave the third call at 7:31 p.m.

Josie Edwards, 530 San Pedro Road, spoke about the need to keep natural predators in place to help control the deer population and devise ways for humans and wildlife to coexist.

Brian Sunshine, 926 North Ridge Road, encouraged the Board of Aldermen to commit funds to street repairs in Mill Creek and revitalization of Main Street.

Tim Fleischer, 912 Cedar Park Circle, clarified the Chamber Board's position on Hotel/Motel revenues.

Linda Reynolds, 507 Santa Rosa, expressed concern about the costs associate with the gift of the Stagecoach Wastewater Plant.

Darlene Walsh, 1110 Mill Creek Drive, suggested placing a billboard similar to the one at the Bell County Expo Center next to the Municipal Building.

The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

IV. Regular Agenda.

Attorney Hayes reviewed Sanctuary's response to the 13-point motion made by Alderman Coachman at the Regular BOA meeting September 3, 2015. It was noted that several of the points agreed upon by Robert Sulaski, Sanctuary CEO, and the Board of Aldermen during the Special Called Meeting September 10, 2015, were not in the revised versions of the agreements forwarded by the Sanctuary attorney. Major differences noted were the placement of the discharge line and the duration of Sanctuary's rights to the effluent.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to instruct the Village Attorney to re-submit the Wastewater Service Agreement submitted on September 14th with corrected references to the discharge line as our final offer and must be accepted and signed along with the Donation Agreement and submitted to the Village Attorney by 5:00 p.m. September 17, 2015. Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Brown made a motion to postpone discussion of the Master Development Agreement until such a time that the Sanctuary has signed the Wastewater Service Agreement and Land Donation Agreement. Alderman Coachman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The mayor closed the Regular Agenda at 8:46 p.m.

V. Workshop Agenda.

Mayor Blancett opened the workshop at 8:51 p.m.

Administrator Foutz presented the first draft of a Wastewater Ordinance. This item is scheduled for a vote by the Board of Aldermen at a Special Called Meeting on September 24, 2015.

Administrator Foutz asked for direction on the development of a policy relating to Open Records Requests. Mayor Blancett directed Administrator Foutz and Attorney Hayes to develop a policy of what can and cannot be released and to set guidelines for when Administrator Foutz is not available. He asked that this item be placed for workshop again at the Special Called Meeting September 24, 2015.

VI. Adjourn.

Alderman Dankert made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Coachman seconded.

The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.


Skip Blancett, Mayor


Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary