Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Regular Workshop Meeting
Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 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; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary; Joni Moore, representing the Ultra520KTexas endurance race.

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. The Mayor opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

2. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Workshop Session

3. Discussion on Ultra520KTexas, a three-day endurance event planned for late April/early May in Salado and surrounding communities.

   Note: This item was No. 7 on the agenda. The Mayor brought this item up as a courtesy to the guest presenter.

   Joni Moore made a presentation about the Ultra520KTexas, a three-day triathlon that would take place April 29 and 30 and May 1 in Central Texas. The event would include about 25 participants and be by invitation to elite athletes; the event would be opened to the public only if there are not enough competitors based on invitation. She explained that the Village's participation would be minimal. Participants would pay about $1,500 to enter the competition, and they will bring their own crews. Day One would consist of a 6.2-mile swim followed by a 90-mile bicycle ride through portions of Williamson and Bell counties. Day Two would consist of a 172-mile bicycle ride through the countryside surrounding Salado, and Day Three would consist of a 52.4-mile run around Salado. She said that participants will be accompanied by family members and crew members, which in turn means hotel rooms and meals taken in Salado as well as retail shopping. The routes will not involve road closures, nor will participants impede traffic in town. She said the first news release about the event will be sent to the Salado Village Voice.

   The Mayor said this event will be placed on a BOA agenda for action.

4. Discuss the Sanctuary development project and proposed agreements for the donation of land and Water Quality Permit No. WQ0014898001, the funding and constructing of improvements to the Village's wastewater collection, pumping, treatment, and disposal system, the terms and conditions for retail wastewater services to the proposed development, and the terms and conditions of economic development incentives to the proposed development.

   Note: This was Item No. 3 on the agenda. Alderman Coachman asked that this item be postponed to the end of the meeting to give the Village Attorney an opportunity to review documents just received.

5. Discussion on a policy to establish a procedure for naming facilities, public lands, sites and public streets.

   Note: This was Item No. 4 on the agenda.

   Administrator Foutz reviewed the draft policy. There was discussion about deed restrictions that could prevent the Village from changing the name of a site. She asked the Board members for feedback over the coming days. Mayor Blancett said he would like this item to be presented to the BOA for a vote so the policy could go into effect in January.

6. Discussion regarding a policy to establish Board of Aldermen committees and citizen advisory boards, including but not limited to appointments, scope of work, and purpose.

   Note: This was Item 5 on the agenda.

   Administrator Foutz gave a general overview of the policy. There was discussion about term limits on committees and advisory boards. There also was discussion about the difference between "simple majority vote" and "full BOA vote"; Administrator Foutz agreed to edit that statement.

   She asked the BOA members to review the policy and provide feedback. Mayor Blancett said he would like this item to be presented to the BOA for a vote so the policy could go into effect in January.

7. Discussion on an ordinance to prohibit the feeding of deer.

   Note: This was Item No. 6 on the agenda.

   There was discussion about affirmative defense: if deer eat food placed out by a citizen for ducks and other animals, that citizens would be held blameless, as the feeding of deer was unintentional. There also was discussion about fines and the funds earmarked in the FY 2015-2016 budget for deer management.

Mayor Blancett acknowledged this is a controversial issue, and the BOA must find a way to manage the deer population. The Village will start maintaining records on motor vehicle/deer accidents, deer found dead in streets and on private property, and how those carcasses are handled. He announced that the BOA will ask Dr. Lewis Raney to be the chairman of a committee charged with developing action plan for the Village.

Alderman Dankert said that if a citizen finds a random deer dead in the yard, the citizen should call the Village office and provide name and address so a sample can be obtained from the dead animal for testing.

Mayor Blancett said that, after the deer committee creates the action plan, the committee will present at a Town hall forum.

8. Discuss the Sanctuary development project and proposed agreements for the donation of land and Water Quality Permit No. WQ0014898001, the funding and constructing of improvements to the Village's wastewater collection, pumping, treatment, and disposal system, the terms and conditions for retail wastewater services to the proposed development, and the terms and conditions of economic development incentives to the proposed development.

   Alderman Coachman reported that the attorneys have been reviewing documents and many of issues have been resolved.

   Attorney Hayes said that representatives from Sanctuary do not intend to provide a development schedule and that Sanctuary has indicated it does not wish to dedicate any public park space; the park space issue will be an issue for Sanctuary if it moves forward with the Public Improvement district, as public funds cannot be used to finance private development. She reported that Sanctuary wishes to retain flexibility to make changes to master plans without approval from the Board of Aldermen.

   There was additional discussion regarding legal issues surrounding the negotiations. A conference call between the negotiation team and Sanctuary will take place Friday, November 13, 2015.

III. Adjourn.

Alderman Dankert made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Williams seconded. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Skip Blancett, Mayor

Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary