

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Special Called Meeting and Workshop
Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2016
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; Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary; Chrissy Lee, Planning & Development; Dottie Palumbo, Village Attorney.

I. Call to Order.

Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. He opened the meeting with prayer.

He described the public hearing format and announced that proper decorum would be followed.

II. Public Hearings.

1. Hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed initiation of annexation proceedings for the tracts of generally described below:
 - a. 31.745 +/- acres generally located at the northeast corner of FM 2268 and I-35 frontage road.
 - b. 196.945 +/- acres generally located at the corner of Salado Oaks Drive and FM 2268, and the 700 block of Royal Street Drive, just east of Rose Way Circle.
 - c. 58.132 +/- acres generally located at the southeast corner of FM 2268 and I-35 frontage road.

Administrator Foutz said the voluntary petition for annexation was filed November 25, 2015, by Billie Hanks, Jr., and accepted by the village of December 20, 2015. She reviewed the Annexation Service Plan for the three tracts. She said the annexation plan, by law, cannot provide any fewer services nor a lower level of service in the area proposed to be annexed than were in existence in the proposed area at the time immediately preceding the annexation process. She described the municipal services and capital improvements that will be offered to the annexed property.

Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

- Sheryl Russell, 1710 Old Mill Road, #12, discussed the impact that annexation would have on drainage and road use, particularly in her neighborhood near Baines and Royal streets.
- Maurice Striegler, 901 Salado Oaks Drive, offered a demographic comparison between his neighborhood currently and projections once the Sanctuary has been developed.
- Linda Reynolds, 507 Santa Rosa, expressed concern about water drainage.
- Darlene Walsh, 1110 Mill Creek Drive, said she had concerns about the impact of annexation on the Salado Salamander and other aspects of the Salado Creel environment.

The Mayor made the second call for speakers at 7:04 p.m. and the third call for speakers at 7:05 p.m.

There being no other speakers, he closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

2. Hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed initiation of annexation proceedings for the tracts generally described below:

18.71 acres out of 20.017 acres in the Young Williams Survey, Abstract No. 861, Tract 1, Bell County, Texas, located at 251 Mary Lane, locally known as Hidden Glen Senior Living.

Administrator Foutz said the voluntary petition for annexation was filed December 4, 2015, by Jim Markel and was accepted by the Village December 10, 2015. She reviewed the Annexation Service Plan for the three tracts. She said the annexation plan, by law, cannot provide any fewer services nor a lower level of service in the area proposed to be annexed than were in existence in the proposed area at the time immediately preceding the annexation process. She described the municipal services and capital improvements that will be offered to the annexed property. She said the developer paid the park fee in lieu of parkland dedication.

Mayor Blancett opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. He made the three calls for speakers; none emerged. He closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Blancett said the BOA will conduct public hearings on both annexation and zoning at the January 21, 2016, meeting; no action will be taken at that time. He also said the Village will host a Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in the Board of Aldermen Chambers, and the BOA will conduct a Strategic Planning retreat at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Central Texas Council of Governments building, 2180 N. Main St. in Belton.

III. Workshop

The Mayor opened the Workshop session at 7:30 p.m.

3. Code Enforcement.

Administrator Foutz reviewed the Village's approach to Code Enforcement, particularly in the areas of accessory buildings and wire fences. A consensus was reached that the Village must be consistent when considering variances. In addition, it was recommended that wire fences be acceptable if the gauge is a certain width. There also was discussion about grandfathering. Administrator Foutz said the issue would go back to the Ordinance Committee to refine specifications.

4. Tree Trimming.

Administrator Foutz reported that she received call from Eagle Disposal, one of the franchised solid waste removal companies operating within the Village. The proprietor has offered to cut tree limbs that overhang streets if he can use the Village's chipper. There was discussion about this offer; hangtags would be placed on doors to alert residents in case they wish to make their own arrangements to trim the overhanging trees.

5. Internship Program.

Administrator Foutz reported that Texas State University has an internship program through which graduate students in Public Administration can complete a 15-week internship consisting of 20 hours/week to work on ordinances, do research, etc. These students are available in the Spring and Summer semesters. They are compensated \$10/hour, with \$5/hour paid by the Village and \$5/hour by the university. The BOA directed Administrator Foutz to pursue this program.

6. Main Street Update.

Administrator Foutz showed a drawing of the proposed plans. Three subcommittees have been working to determine best placement for crosswalks, sidewalks, lighting, etc.

7. Grant Administrator.

Administrator Foutz reviewed a list of potential grants for the Village. Some grants have no matching requirements, and others have a low matching requirement. One grant in particular, from Texas Parks and Wildlife, is for \$200,000 with a 20-percent matching requirement. She said there is enough money in the tourism account to cover the match. The grant would be used for trails along Main Street. The BOA directed Administrator Foutz to pursue this grant.

IV. Adjourn.

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

Mayor Blancett adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Skip Blancett
Skip Blancett, Mayor

Mary Ann Ray
Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary

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