

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Special Called Meeting: Update on use of TXDOT Right of Way
Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2016
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road

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

Absent: Alderman Amber Dankert.

Others Present: Kim Foutz, Village Administrator; Rick Kasberg, City Engineer; Bobby Littlefield, Texas Department of Transportation.

The workshop was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Blancett.

There was discussion about several aspects of the wastewater improvements layout including TXDOT turnaround time for issuing a utility permit. TXDOT did not commit to a turnaround time but indicated that permits typically take around four to six weeks, in some cases two weeks.

A utility permit is allowed in the right-of-way, in a 7- to 10-foot corridor. Ninety-degree crossings must be bored. It is permissible to cut adjacent driveways and streets. Perpendicular open cuts are permissible prior to resurfacing in these areas.

The sewer lines can be attached to the long bridge as long as the below conditions are met. The utility permit application will be forwarded to another office for evaluation of utilization of the bridge.

- The line cannot be attached to the rail.
- The line cannot be below the bridge.
- The line should be on the downside of the creek.

TXDOT right-of-way on the north is 100' wide; r-o-w to the south narrows to 60'. This is primarily the area where the Village needs to utilize the area on the edge of pavement. TXDOT will not allow any under pavement installations of the wastewater line in Main Street right-of-way even if it is on the edge. The only way the Village can utilize Main Street under pavement is to take ownership of the road, drainage, and bridges. This is called the "turnback program". Mr. Littlefield provided two examples of communities participating in the program, Charter Oak in Temple and University Parks Drive in Waco. Mr. Littlefield indicated that if the Village would accept ownership of Main Street and all of the associated bridges, he would consider increasing the thickness of the currently funded hotmix project so that the road life may be extended to 20 years. Maintenance activities such as cracksealing and chip sealing would still be needed. Mr. Littlefield was asked if TXDOT would consider providing sidewalks and curb and gutter and he indicated "no".

There was discussion about the following topics:

- After the I-35 construction is complete, TXDOT plans to install a thin layer of hotmix overlay. They will try to do some shoulder work in advance to widen the roadway some. The shoulder will be restriped. Littlefield indicated that resurfacing could be delayed for a short time to allow for wastewater line construction.
- The bridge over Campbell's Branch at Main Street and Rock Creek is scheduled to be replaced in 2017. The Salado Creek bridge is structurally sound.
- Turnover of the Salado Creek bridge to the Village would also be required. There is a federal 80/20 match program for bridge replacement. If the Village owned the bridge, it is an 80/10/10% program: 10 percent paid by the Village. The Village could ask the County to pay the 10% on its behalf.
- For Village roads that intersect Main Street, the turning radius will be re-paved with the Main Street hotmix project. Turning radius' are not maintained by TXDOT.

A construction completion date for the wastewater lines on Main Street is projected to be in the late October / early November timeframe.

Mr. Littlefield was asked to get back with the Village regarding what he can offer by this next Saturday which is a Board of Aldermen retreat.

The workshop ended at 8:45 p.m.


Skip Blancett, Mayor


Kim Foutz, Village Administrator