

Village of Salado, Texas  
**Board of Aldermen**  
**Minutes**  
**Special Called and Workshop Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2016  
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road  
Salado, Texas

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

**Others Present:** Chrissy Lee, Village Secretary; Jack Hensley, Chief of Police

**I. Call to Order.**

Mayor Blancett opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Workshop:**

1. Discussion on both operational and employee hours of the Village Municipal Offices.

Mayor Blancett led the discussion on changing the operating hours of the Village offices to 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to allow staff an hour each morning and an hour each afternoon to address email, return calls, and prepare for the day. Mayor Pro Tempore voiced his agreeance that office staff needs that time each day. Alderman Coachman indicated he thought the hour in the afternoon was also necessary to allow staff to prepare for evening meetings. Alderman Williams indicated this was especially necessary right now due to the limited number of staff. Alderman Dankert was concerned with how many hours the offices would be closed to staff. Chrissy Lee confirmed that the office would not close at lunch time. She also suggested the office hours be revisited at a future date when the office is fully staffed.

2. Discussion on recommendations from the Environmental/Deer Committee regarding safety and management of the deer population within the Village limits.

Alderman Dankert invited Dr. Lewis Rainey, Chair of the Committee to the table for discussion.

Alderman Dankert explained that three (3) deer surveys were conducted in the Village with the methodology that was recommended by the Parks and Wildlife Division. The results showed approximately 300 deer per survey. The doe to buck ration is bad and the recommendation is to take no bucks at this time. The suggestion was to take 300 deer which is smaller than the fawn crop of this year. Alderman Dankert suggested we only take 150 deer.

Alderman Williams asked how many deer the Village had right now. Alderman Dankert was unsure of the exact number but new it was quite large. Discussion took place over how the survey was conducted and how the number of deer to remove was determined. Alderman Williams expressed concern over bow hunting in the Village and how property owners could be affected if a deer is not killed by a shot and wandered onto other property or if a hunter had to track a deer through property. Alderman Coachman suggested the Village obtain all 300 tags being offered and we could then internally decide how many to issue. Alderman Dankert suggested the Committee be responsible for issuing tags. She also expressed concern if nothing was done as the Village is seeing overpopulation of deer and that is detrimental to their health and survival. Alderman Dankert also stressed that the deer could not go to waste.

### **III. Executive Session**

The Board of Alderman entered into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

3. Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to interview and discuss David Miller as a candidate for the position of Interim Village Administrator.

The BOA emerged from Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

### **IV. Regular Session**

The mayor reconvened the Regular Session at 8:14 p.m.

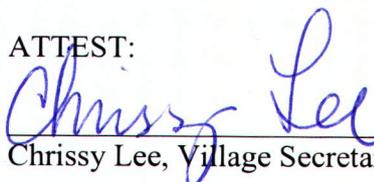
4. Reconvene in open session and take any necessary action as it relates to the position of Interim Village Administrator.

*Mayor Pro Tempore Brown made the motion to contract with Texas First Source to provide David Miller as the Interim City Manager with the final terms to be determined by the Mayor and Texas First Source. Alderman Coachman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **V. Adjourn.**

*Alderman Coachman made a motion to adjourn. Alderman McDougal seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.*

ATTEST:

  
Chrissy Lee, Village Secretary

  
Skip Blanchett, Mayor