

**Village of Salado
Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
March 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Skip Blancett.

Mayor Blancett gave the Invocation and the Board of Aldermen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Members Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro-tem Fred Brown, Aldermen Andy Jackson, Amber Dankert, and Frank Coachman. Alderman Michael McDougal was absent.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson, City Secretary Cara McPartland, Salado Police Chief Rick Ashe, Salado Fire Chief Shane Berrier, and Tourism Director Chadley Hollis

Citizens Communications

No citizen comments were heard.

1. Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting of February 15, 2018.

Alderman Jackson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Brown seconded. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

2. Status Reports

A. Village Administrator's Status Report

- Status report on wastewater issues

Village Administrator Ferguson reported that construction continues and anticipated a one-day concrete pour for the treatment plant in the coming week. He provided the timeframe and locations of boring work and any associated road closure(s). He advised that the Wastewater Impact Fee Advisory Committee's next meeting will be delayed for one week. He noted upcoming agenda items on bond issuance, Board workshop with project manager, and mobilizing a citizens committee. He reported a meeting is scheduled with west-side property owners regarding a possible sewer line extension, with similar meetings to be held on the east side of Salado.

- Status report on preparations for the May 5, 2018 General Election in the Village of Salado

Village Administrator Ferguson reported on preparation of ballots and Civic Center political signage/parking issues that were discussed today with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials. He noted procedures for sign removal and stated that signs will be removed tomorrow.

- Status report on community survey relating to deer in the Village of Salado

Village Administrator Ferguson reported that almost 500 survey responses were received and advised that survey results will be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

- Status report on implementation of mileage reimbursement program for the Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program

Village Administrator Ferguson reported that COP volunteers have been informed of the program and Chief Ashe has prepared a reimbursement form. He noted that COP volunteers are very appreciative of the program.

B. Salado Police Chief Status Report

- Status report on calls for service
- Status report on Police Department Awards Program
- Status report on Citizens on Patrol Program

Chief Ashe reported on February's calls for service, reports written, citations issued, number of arrests, and response time averages. He advised that COP volunteers patrolled for 18 hours (9 shifts) and found 13 unlocked business doors. He reported on development of an awards policy for officers and citizens/citizen groups.

C. Salado Fire Chief Status Report

- Status report on calls for services

Fire Chief Berrier reported on the number of EMS, fire, and motor vehicle accident calls responded to within Bell County and the Village of Salado for the month of February.

D. Tourism Director's Report

- Introduction of new tourism director

Village Administrator Ferguson introduced newly hired Tourism Director Chadley Hollis, highlighted his professional and educational experience and welcomed him to the Village of Salado. Appointment of Tourism Board will proceed now that a tourism director has been hired.

Mr. Hollis spoke of his excitement and optimism for Salado's tourism and of the entire community's enthusiasm and support.

Mayor Blancett welcomed Mr. Hollis, spoke of the importance of the tourism director's position, and looked forward to working with him.

3. Resolution

Consider approval of a resolution of the Village of Salado, Texas, in support of the Village of Salado application for a National Incident Based Reporting System grant. (*Salado Police Chief Rick Ashe*)

This item was heard immediately following Agenda Item 2B. (Salado Police Chief Status Report)

Chief Ashe explained the required transition to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system and the need for Board approval to submit the application for the subject grant. He noted that there is no local funding match requirement.

Mayor Pro-tem Brown moved to approve the submission of an application for a National Incident Based Reporting System grant, as presented. Alderwoman Dankert seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4. Ordinance

Consider approval of an ordinance of the Village of Salado, Texas, amending Village of Salado Ordinance No. 2018-02 prohibiting the parking of vehicles or trailers in front yards and requiring recreational vehicles, boats and trailers to be parked in the rear yard behind a fence to modify the temporary parking and screening provisions; providing for severability, providing a penalty and providing an effective date. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson reviewed concerns expressed regarding certain provisions of the existing ordinance, specifically the requirement for a 7-foot fence and language related to temporary parking.

Salado resident Jeff McClure expressed concerns regarding certain provisions of the ordinance related to garage parking, front/side yard versus rear yard parking, general prohibitions listed in ordinance sections 2(a) and 2(b), temporary parking, and problems associated with street parking. He said violating the ordinance could stay on a person's record forever as a criminal offense.

Alderman Coachman moved to place an item on the Board's next agenda to completely repeal the subject ordinance. Mayor Pro-tem Brown seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Discuss and consider possible action authorizing the Village Administrator to execute Discretionary Service Agreements with ONCOR regarding electrical improvements associated with the development of the Salado Wastewater System. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson recommended approval of the proposed service agreements needed to complete the overhead electrical infrastructure improvements to provide power for the lift station and treatment plant at an estimated cost of \$77,869.48, which is well below ONCOR's original estimate. It was noted that funding for the improvements will come from wastewater bond proceeds and that there will probably be a future change order for underground improvements.

Alderman Coachman moved to approve authorizing the Village Administrator to execute Discretionary Service Agreements with ONCOR regarding electrical improvements associated with the development of the Salado Wastewater System, as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Brown seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

- B. Discuss and consider possible action formally accepting a grant to fund the acquisition of protective vests for the Salado Police Department. (*Salado Police Chief Rick Ashe*)

Chief Ashe explained the need for Board action to formally accept a \$2,530 grant that would fully cover the cost of five protective vests for the Department's officers.

Mayor Pro-tem Brown moved to accept the grant, as presented. Alderman Jackson seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

- C. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a proposed lease-purchase agreement relating to the acquisition of a new patrol car for the Salado Police Department. (*Village Administrator*)

Village Administrator Ferguson advised that this item will be continued until the Board's regular meeting on March 15, 2018.

- D. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a proposal to initiate live streaming of Board of Aldermen meetings. (*Alderwoman Amber Dankert*)

Alderwoman Dankert spoke on the use of Facebook to live stream Board meetings as a way to enhance citizen involvement. She stated that this could be done easily and at no cost.

Discussion addressed issues that need to be worked out, including policy development, improvements to enhance video/audio quality, and possible equipment acquisition for digital recording capability, and online posting of audio and/or video recordings. Agreement was reached to place this item on the Board's next workshop meeting agenda for further discussion.

Adjournment

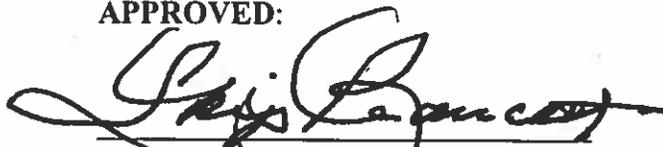
Hearing no further business, Mayor Blancett called the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Recorded by:

Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 15th of March, 2018.

APPROVED:


Skip Blacett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cara McPartland, City Secretary

