

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Minutes
Joint Meeting: Special Called and ZBA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2017
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas

Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Amber Preston Dankert, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman David Williams.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Fred Brown

Others Present: Judy King, Village Secretary; Chrissy Lee, Planning & Development; Josh Tulloch, Interim Chief of Police.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

- a. Invocation was offered by Joe Keyes, Salado Church of Christ.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were led by Billy Walker, a young citizen who desires to build a dog park in Pace Park so dogs and people can socialize.

2. PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. REPORTS

- a. Mayor's Report – Mayor Skip Blancett reported that the Safety Committee will review the resumes for Police Chief and then schedule interviews with the top 3 candidates.

b. Department Reports

- Police Department Report, Interim Police Chief Josh Tulloch introduced himself and gave an overview of his experience with Salado for the past 3 years and previously with the Marlin P.D. for 4 ½ years.
- Fire Department Report, Chief Shane Berrier was absent.
- Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Bureau Report, Executive Director Mary Poche' was absent. Her report was presented by Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer McFarland. (see attached)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consider approving the Consent Agenda item:

- a. Minutes, February 16, 2017, Regular & Workshop Meeting.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman McDougal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a. Chrissy Lee presented the process of appointing an Interim Police Chief per T-Cole guidelines.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to approve the appointment of Joshua Tulloch to Interim Chief of Police. Alderman Dankert seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- b. Chrissy Lee presented an Interlocal Agreement with the Bell County Sheriff Department providing supplemental law enforcement services for the citizens of the Village of Salado. The Bell County Deputies will use Bell County patrol cars due to liability issues. The Village of Salado will pay an hourly rate of \$10/hour to Bell County for the use of their patrol cars while working for the Village of Salado. The deputies will be individually paid an hourly rate of \$35/hour by the Village of Salado as compensation for their time worked.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Bell County Sheriff's Department for the purpose of providing law enforcement services for the citizens of the Village of Salado. Alderman Coachman seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- c. Chrissy Lee presented two applicants, Susan Terry and Tom McMahan, for the open positions available on the P & Z Commission.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to appoint Susan Terry and Tom McMahan to the Planning & Zoning Commission to each serve a two-year term. Alderman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- d. Mayor Blancett presented status of lease agreement with Pace Park for \$10/year currently in place. He stated 3 options for consideration:
1. Continue the lease as currently written
 2. Share lease with the Rotary Club
 3. Discontinue the lease and allow the Rotary Club to assume the lease
 - The Board agree to continue the lease until further discussions can be had with the Rotary Club outlining their proposed plan for management and maintenance of Pace Park.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the renewal of the current lease agreement with the Pace Park Board of Directors. Alderman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- e. Chrissy Lee presented Ordinance O-2016.17, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, providing for an increase/decrease in revenues/expenditures in multiple funds. These numbers were all balanced in partnership with the Accountant, Kristi Stegall.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017.03 authorizing amendments to Ordinance 2016.17, amending the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, providing for an increase/decrease in revenues/expenditures in multiple funds; finding municipal purposes; authorizing expenditures; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Alderman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- f. Chrissy Lee presented a proposal for a one-time buy down or accrual extension for employees with 100 hours or more of vacation accruals. The proposal suggested two options: buy down 40 hours in a one-time motion or extend the time available for employees to use the time accrued. Currently, 4 employees are maxed on their vacation accruals and unable to rightfully accrue any additional earned vacation time until accruals are diminished.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the one-time buy down of 40 hours of vacation accrual to employees who currently have 100 or more hours of accrual. Alderman Dankert seconded. Motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Board of Aldermen recessed from Regular Session and entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to discuss the appointment, employment, and /or reassignment of the following position: Village Administrator.

Board of Aldermen reconvened in Regular Session at 8:26 p.m.

8. REGULAR SESSION

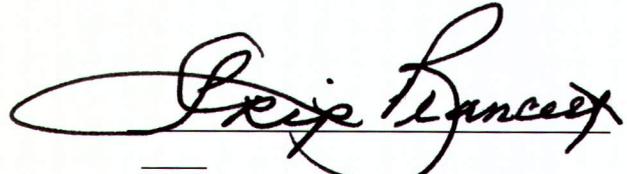
- a. Mayor Blancett presented the decision by the Board of Aldermen to move forward with negotiations with Candidate #1 for the position of Village of Administrator. Should those negotiations break down, the Board of Aldermen agreed to move forward with Candidate #2.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract negotiation with Mr. Dennis Baldwin, for the position of Village Administrator for the Village of Salado. Alderman McDougal seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

9. ADJOURN

Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dankert seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.


Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy King, Village Secretary



