

Village of Salado, Texas
Board of Aldermen
Minutes
Workshop Meeting
6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017
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: Judy King, Village Secretary; Chrissy Lee, Planning & Development; Josh Tulloch, Interim Chief of Police; Kristi Stegall, Village Accountant.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- John Cole, 1420 Old Mill Rd., Salado, TX, 76571
Mr. Cole expressed his concerns about the speeding that is occurring on Old Mill Rd. He suggested adding speed bumps and reducing the speed limit to 15 mph.

3. REGULAR SESSION

- a. Judy King presented the recommendation to appoint Eldon Miller as the Election Judge for May 6, 2017 for the General and Special Election.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the appointment of Eldon Miller as the Election Judge for May 6, 2017 for the General and Special Election. Alderman Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- b. Don Allman, CPA, presented the Audit completed for the Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to approve the Audit as presented for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Alderman Dankert seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- c. Chrissy Lee presented a buy back program for the purchase of Bullet Proof Vests. Interim Chief Tulloch explained the different options of vests to purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Brown suggested that we amend the budget to include this purchase for our officers without expecting them to buy them back from their personal funds.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to postpone this item until we have more information on the costs of purchasing vests for the Police Department. Mayor ProTem Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

4. WORKSHOP SESSION

- a. Presentation and discussion regarding the receipts and disbursements of Hotel/Motel Funds.

Kristi Stegall reported that revenue was down \$60K from Fiscal Year 2014 to 2015 and down \$137K from Fiscal Year 2015 to 2016. Alderman Williams suggested that we analyze why these numbers are down and how the Hotel/Motel Tax is currently being allocated. Mayor Pro Tem Brown suggested that we seek advice from TML and the State Comptroller to guide us through the analysis of the distribution of Hotel/Motel taxes. Alderman Williams shared a confidential communication from the attorney regarding this topic. Mayor Blancett appointed Alderman Williams and Alderman McDougal to oversee a task force to research this topic and to meet with members of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism department to clarify the revenues and expenditures.

- b. Update from the Emergency Management & Safety Committee regarding the Salado Police Department.

Alderman McDougal reported that the Committee had reviewed 15 resumes. He will be presenting 5 of those resumes during Executive Session later during the meeting.

- c. Discuss changes to Ordinance 2014-09A-02 BOA Rules and Procedures.

Judy King reviewed the changes pending on Ordinance 2014-09A-02 BOA Rules and Procedures to reflect a Regular meeting one time per month on the first Thursday of each month and a Workshop meeting as needed on the third Thursday of each month. She noted that it will be necessary to repeal and replace current Ordinances and Amendments to insure the cleanest presentation of this Ordinance is in place moving forward.

- d. Discuss changes to Ordinance 2009.06 Beer, Wine & Mixed Beverage.

Alderman Coachman reviewed the changes being recommended on Ordinance 2009.06 Beer, Wine & Mixed Beverage. He noted that the current Ordinance 2009.06 is not in alignment with the elections that have been conducted in the Village. He suggested removing Section 5 of the ordinance per the recommendation of Sgt. John Altum of TABC, citing Section 109.57 (d). It will be necessary to repeal and replace current Ordinances and Amendments regarding Beer, Wine, & Mixed Beverages to insure the cleanest presentation of this Ordinance is in place moving forward.

- e. Discuss the draft of the Conservation Zoning and/or possible changes to Wastewater Ordinance.

Alderman Williams reported that it was required to have a Wastewater Ordinance in draft form to present with the Zara Environmental study. A final draft is still being refined by the Ordinance Committee. One of the next requirements will be a Standard Operating Procedure Manual for the plant. Alderman Dankert asked who would be writing this manual. It was decided that this would be an assignment for the incoming Village Administrator.

- f. Discuss Ordinance 2007.03 Park Regulations and Ordinance 2008.04 Agreement with Pace Park.

Judy King presented the necessity to discuss the Ordinances in place regarding Pace Park. Ordinance 2007.03 states that fees will be assessed except for use by SISD and the Salado Library when the event is used for the children in the Village. The Board of Aldermen agreed that this policy should be adhered to strictly moving forward without exception except by a proper request for a variance to said Ordinance. Further, it was discussed that an amendment was needed allowing the BOA to grant variances for the consumption and/or sale of alcohol on a case by case basis. It will be necessary to repeal and replace current Ordinances and Amendments regarding Pace Park to insure the cleanest presentation of this Ordinance is in place moving forward.

- g. Presentation and discussion of alternatives for inspection services currently provided by Bureau Veritas.

Mayor ProTem Brown suggested that we prepare a RFP citing the scope of work for Village Inspection services. Alderman McDougal raised a question regarding the urgency of this project in the absence of any formal complaints against our current, contracted inspection company, Bureau Veritas. Mayor Blancett requested the formation of a task force to review this project with Mayor ProTem Brown. It was determined that he would work directly with Chrissy Lee on this project.

Board of Aldermen recessed for a break at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Aldermen convened in Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

5. 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 9:13 p.m.

6. REGULAR SESSION

- a. No action.
- b. Mayor Blancett presented the decision by the Board of Aldermen to allow the Public Safety Committee to move forward with scheduling interviews Police with Chief candidates.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to follow through with interviews with the top 3 candidates for the position of Police Chief. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

7. ADJOURN

Alderman Coachman made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dankert seconded. Motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy King, Village Secretary