

Village of Salado, TX
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes**
Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, April 9, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brown, Alderman Frank Coachman, Alderman Hans Fields, Alderman Michael McDougal, Alderman Amber Preston Dankert

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lyndsey Barrett– Acting Village Secretary, Jack Hensley - Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Executive Director, Kim Foutz – Village Administrator

I. Call To Order : Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., quorum present.

1. Larry Sands led the invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

II. Reports:

Village Administrator Operational Report: Kim Foutz reported on the following updates: Sewer, Financial Policy & Procedures, I.T. upgrades, Records Management, Village Insurance Coverage, Main Street Master Plan, Personnel Manual and Hidden Glen.

Aldermen Updates:

Environmental Report: Alderman Dankert met with the Texas Salamander Coalition, Salado Water Supply, S.I.S.D., and Texas Fish and Wildlife to discuss the Salado Salamander. Mrs. Dankert also announced that all three Salado Independent Schools will be annexed into the Village limits.

ETJ / Annexation Report: No report

Ordinance Committee Report: No report

Main Street Report: Mayor Pro Tem Brown reported that they had a great visit with the 65 students and professors with the Texas A&M Design Team that met in Salado on March 27th. Several of the students will continue to work with the Village to create and design a Main Street plan.

Street Improvement Committee Alderman McDougal met with the road committee and reported that everything is currently on track. Alderman McDougal said that TxDOT would help pave west of Main Street going towards the interstate, which will save the Village \$ 50,000.00. Alderman McDougal stated that this is good construction and thanked the citizens.

Stagecoach / Wastewater Report – Mrs. Foutz deferred this report for the workshop.

Monthly Reports (given at the first meeting each month):

Police Department Report: March, 2015 activity report (see attached report)

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Shane Berrier reported the following activity for March, 2015: 14 EMS calls inside the Village limits, 33 EMS calls in the County, 3 fire calls in the Village limits, 8 fire calls in the County, 7 traffic accidents inside the Village limits, 8 traffic accidents in the County. Chief Berrier reported that they had a successful bike ride event with a total of 406 participants. Mr. Berrier stated that enough money was raised to install septic for restrooms at the new station.

Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau Report: Debbie Charbonneau introduced the new Events Planner, Yvonne Lane. Mrs. Charbonneau thanked everyone that helped with the Wildflower Art Fair. (see attached report)

III. Proclamations: none

IV. Public Comments: none

3. none

V. Consent Agenda

4. *Consider approving the Consent Agenda items:*

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Alderman McDougal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Alderman Fields seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

VI. Regular Agenda:

5. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on a variance to Ordinance 2013.08, Section 4.1G1(a) for the location of an accessory building located at 400 Hay Meadow Drive

Mrs. Foutz stated that a public hearing was held at the Feb. 19, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting on a variance request for the location of an accessory building at 400 Hay Meadow. The applicants, Curt and Laurie Doucet, received approval from the HoA on March 25, 2015, but staff was unclear on whether or not the item needed to come back for final action from the Board of Aldermen.

Curt Doucet, 400 Hay Meadow, spoke and made the comment that a lot has transpired since the last meeting. Mr. Doucet stated he did exactly what the Board of Aldermen requested of him and submitted all paperwork to Kim Foutz. Mr. Doucet stated he also shared his plans with his neighbors.

Alderman McDougal stated that Mr. Doucet was supposed to go to the neighboring committee to get plans signed off on and that Mr. Doucet only went and got one member, Sam Pfister, to sign off on the plans. Alderman McDougal questioned Mr. Doucet asking him if that committee only consisted of one person.

Alderman Fields asked Mr. Doucet if Mr. Pfister actually came out to look at the property. Mr. Doucet responded and said he only met with Mr. Pfister in his office. Alderman Fields made the comment that the criteria and circumstance for which a variance can be approved had not been met.

Will Morris, 316 Salado Creek Place, stated that the new plans did not show the placement of the building.

Anthony Ferfitta, 300 Salado Creek Place, stated he talked with Mr. Pfister and was told that he approved the plans, but went on to ask Mr. Pfister why the neighbors were not included. Mr. Ferfitta asked the Board of Aldermen, what do they plan on doing now? Mr. Ferfitta stated that Mr. Pfister never even saw the property.

Caroline Markham, 408 Hay Meadow, stated that she called Tim Brown weeks before and stated Mr. Brown seemed surprised that he was on that neighboring committee. Mrs. Markham stated that Mr. Brown would have accepted the plans that Mr. Pfister already approved. Mrs. Markham stated she does not know the relationship between Pfister and Brown and went on by saying, Mr. Pfister did not know about the building. Mrs. Markham stated she needs the Village to work with her on getting the building moved.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to appoint an Architectural Review Committee of three members; Sam Pfister, Tim Brown, and one additional member of the neighborhood, and extend the conditional use permit two weeks giving the committee time to meet and render verdict, Alderman Fields seconded.

The Mayor called for discussion. Leah Simon Hayes, legal counsel with the Boroquez Law Firm, asked the Board if she could clarify the current motion on the table. Mrs. Hayes stated that the current motion is in direct conflict with the HoA, if one is in place. Mayor Pro-Tem withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to not approve the Variance request to ordinance 2013.08, Section 4.1G1(a) for the location of an accessory building located at 400 Hay Meadow Drive, Alderman Fields seconded, and the motion passed (4-1), Alderman Dankert against.

6. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on reimbursement to volunteers for gas and maintenance for mowing of public areas in the amount of \$ 500.00

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated that there are six people on a regular basis that mow several areas in Salado. Everything they do is being done with their personal equipment.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to approve a \$500.00 payment to Salado Volunteers for reimbursement of volunteers for gas and maintenance for mowing of public areas. Alderman Dankert seconded, and the motion passed (4-0), Alderman Fields abstained.

Mayor Blancett closed the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

VII. Workshop Session:

Mayor opened the workshop at 8:03 p.m.

7. MUD: the Mayor opened the workshop on the proposed Bell County Municipal District #3, and then invited Bruce Whitis, developer to provide an overview of the project.

8. Stagecoach Wastewater Treatment Plant: Alderman Fields and Administrator Kim Foutz provided an overview of their research related to the plant. Issues covered included identification of an operator; a draft budget with alternatives; current water utilization of customers currently on the system; and a discrepancy between water usage and amount of effluent treated. The Aldermen requested that staff and Alderman Fields approach the current owner of the Inn and request that the plant be gifted to him. The Aldermen also requested that more investigation be conducted and this come back at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

9. Salado Independent School District Annexation: Kim Foutz and Alderwoman Dankert provided an update on the Village's request for voluntary annexation. The annexation is contingent upon the following conditions: 1) grandfathering of signs; 2) waiver of building permit fees; and 3) waiver of tap fees. The Aldermen discussed the conditions, found them to be agreeable, and directed staff to prepare the paperwork and bring forth the item for consideration.

Mayor opened the Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Aldermen Coachman made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to Regular Session. Motion passed unanimously.

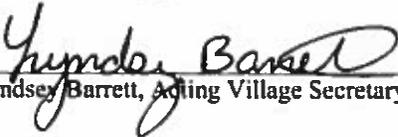
The Mayor removed the Executive Session Item for action on Personnel from consideration at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

APPROVED:


SKIP BLANCETT, Mayor of the Village of Salado, Texas

ATTEST:


Lyndsey Barrett, Acting Village Secretary