

**VILLAGE OF SALADO**  
**SALADO MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 N. STAGECOACH**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**JUNE 15, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.**

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

Mayor Blancett gave the invocation and the Aldermen led the Pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Members Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Aldermen Andy Jackson, Fred Brown, Amber Dankert, Frank Coachman and Michael McDougal. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson.

**Citizen Communications**

There were no citizen communications.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2017.

Aldermen Michael McDougal moved to approve the item on the Consent Agenda and Alderman Andy Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Blancett stated he wanted the Board to consider the action items on the agenda prior to entering into the workshop portion of the agenda. There was no objection from the Aldermen.

**2. ORDINANCE (Item #3 on Posted Agenda)**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2009.06, ORDINANCE NO. 2008.09 AND OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ALDERMAN FRANK COACHMAN)

Alderman Frank Coachman stated the item was placed on the agenda to allow board members to discuss and consider possible action regarding a proposed ordinance that consolidates into one (1) master ordinance the Village's regulations relating to the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages currently set forth in two (2) previously adopted ordinances. He said, if approved, the proposed ordinance would replace the two (2) previously adopted ordinances. There was no discussion.

Alderman Coachman made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. Motion was approved in a 5-0 vote.

### **3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM #4 ON POSTED AGENDA)**

- (A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF WASTEWATER FEES PREVIOUSLY PAID BY SALADO GLASSWORKS LOCATED AT 2 PEDDLER'S ALLEY, SALADO, TEXAS. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Village Administrator Don Ferguson said the operator of Salado Glassworks recently discovered the business was not connected to the Village-owned Stagecoach Treatment Plant ("Plant"), even though the business owner has been paying the Village for wastewater service for approximately two (2) years. He said the business was unknowingly connected to a failing septic system.

Once the above-mentioned issue was discovered, Ferguson said the business operator immediately contacted a plumber who properly connected the business to the Plant and decommissioned its failing septic system. He said the business owner has requested reimbursement of wastewater fees, totaling \$1,080, that were paid during the period-of-time the business was not connected to the Village's wastewater system.

Alderman Fred Brown made a motion to authorize the reimbursement of \$1,080 in wastewater fees to Salado Glassworks. Alderman Coachman seconded the motion. Motion was approved on a vote of 5-0.

- (B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EASEMENTS AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SALADO WASTEWATER PROJECT. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Administrator Ferguson stated there is a need for the Board to take action formally accepting six (6) previously secured permanent public utility easements and temporary construction easements for the proposed wastewater system.

Mayor Blancett inquired at the status of the purchase of a 0.28 tract needed for a lift station for the wastewater system. Ferguson said efforts are underway to resolve some

title issues relating to the subject tract. He said once those matters have been resolved, board members will be asked to formally approve the purchase and acceptance of the future lift station site.

Alderman Jackson made a motion to formally accept the six (6) permanent public utility easements for the proposed wastewater system. Alderman Michael McDougal seconded the motion. Motion was approved on a vote of 5-0.

#### **4. WORKSHOP (ITEM #2 ON POSTED AGENDA)**

(A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PACE PARK. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Alderwoman Amber Dankert presented a proposed ordinance establishing comprehensive rules and regulations for public parks in Salado.

Discussion centered around a proposed restriction of the operation of unmanned aircraft (drones) and the lack of a restriction on open flames.

Alderman McDougal said he would rather remove the proposed restriction on unmanned aircraft (drones) until there was evidence a problem with such aircraft existed.

Alderwoman Dankert expressed concern that there was no restriction on open flames, noting previous documentation submitted to U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding the Village's wastewater project reflected the Village would impose such a restriction.

Aldermen Coachman and McDougal questioned the need for a restriction on open flames, as the Village currently provides bar-b-que facilities in the park

Alderman Brown expressed concern about the possible over regulation of the parks.

After further discussion, board members requested the Village Administrator review the ordinance and identify and remove those regulations not directly related to the protection of public health and safety and present a revised ordinance for action at the July 6, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

(B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES REGARDING A PROPOSAL FROM THE PACE PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF PACE PARK. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Administrator Ferguson said the Pace Park Board of Trustees on May 31, 2017, submitted a proposal to the Village relating to the future management and oversight of Pace Park. Specifically, he said the Trustees are proposing to resign their positions on the Board of Trustees to allow the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen to serve

as Trustees of the Park. He noted the Trustees have requested a response from the Village regarding their proposal by July 1, 2017.

While Pace Park is not publicly owned, Ferguson said a deed of gift exists which requires the subject property be maintained as a public park. While the deed prohibits the 8.4-acre park to be conveyed to the Village, he said the Board of Trustees has an agreement with the Village to maintain and operate the 8.4 acre of park.

Ferguson said he reviewed the Trustees' proposal with the Village's legal counsel and presented the following plan for consideration that would meet the desires of the Trustees and help ensure the property is available as a public park in the future:

- Prior to resigning, the Pace Park Board of Trustees would designate the subject property as a conservation easement, with the Village's assistance.
- Upon designation of the conservation easement, members of Pace Park Board of Trustees would step down and the Mayor and five (5) Aldermen would begin serving as Trustees of the Park.
- After becoming Trustees, the Mayor and Aldermen would seek a Court Order in District Court designating the Village of Salado as the "sole" Trustee of Pace Park.
- After securing the "sole trustee designation, the Board of Aldermen would appoint a standing Pace Park Advisory Board, made up of park stakeholders, to provide recommendations to the Board regarding the future operation, maintenance and development of the Park.

The Mayor and Aldermen expressed support for the proposal, as did Denver Mills, the current President of the Pace Park Board of Trustees.

Mayor Blancett requested the plan be placed on the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen on June 27, 2017 for review and possible approval.

(C) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SALADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

With a steady decline reported in the unrestricted fund balance of the Village's Hotel Occupancy Tax ("HOT") Fund, and the requirement that all expenditures of HOT funds comply with State statute, Administrator Ferguson said there a need change the Village's current funding and operation arrangement with the Chamber. He presented the following proposal:

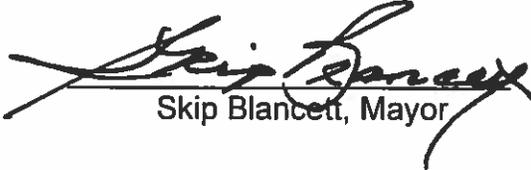
- Board of Aldermen take action to terminate the current contract with the Chamber.
- Promote the Interim Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism to the Director's position and fund the salary cost with occupancy tax revenues
- Do not fill the Assistant Director's Position

- Board of Aldermen appoint a standing Tourism Advisory Committee, consisting of stakeholders in the tourism industry, to work with the Tourism Director and make recommendations to the Board of Aldermen regarding spending and marketing.
- Establish the Village Administrator as the direct supervisor of the Director
- Allocate limited funding from the Occupancy Tax Fund to operate the Visitor's Center on weekends
- Fund with occupancy tax revenue a "fair" cost for use of the Chamber's lease space for the Director's office and Visitor's Center

Aldermen McDougal expressed support for the proposal, noting it will result in more money being spent on marketing the community and ensuring room tax revenues are spent in accordance with State law.

Board members agreed the proposal was a step in right direction and asked that the plan be presented for possible action on the July 6, 2017 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.

With there being no further business, Mayor Blancett adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m..



Skip Blancett, Mayor



Don Ferguson, Village Administrator  
Acting City Secretary