

VILLAGE OF SALADO
SALADO MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 N. STAGECOACH - SALADO, TEXAS
REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2017 – 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 Aldermen led the Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

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

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There were no citizen communications.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF JULY 7, 2017.
- (B) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF JULY 31, 2017.
- (C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF AUGUST 1, 2017.
- (D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF AUGUST 3, 2017.

Village Administrator Don Ferguson requested board members defer action on Consent Agenda Item 1 (A) until the September 7, 2017, Board of Aldermen Meeting due to a "posting" issue.

Alderman Frank Coachman made a motion to approve Items (B), (C) and (D) on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro-tem Fred Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

2. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Ferguson reported that four (4) firms submitted responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for wastewater project management and three (3) proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of wastewater rates and impact fees. He said the RFQ and RFP responses will be reviewed and recommendations will be presented to the Board for consideration in September.

Ferguson said new Village Secretary Cara McPartland is scheduled to join the staff on August 21st. He added work is wrapping up on the draft of a proposed lease agreement between the Chamber and the Village which will be presented to the Board for consideration at the Board's first meeting in September.

Ferguson reported AMR is planning to stage an E-M-S unit in Salado, following the recent departure of Scott & White E-M-S from Salado.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO POST THE REQUIRED NOTICE REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 VILLAGE OF SALADO BUDGET AND THE REQUIRED NOTICE REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE TO HELP FUND THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET.

Mayor Skip Blancett said there is a need for the Village to post notice in the local newspaper regarding the Village's intent to adopt the Effective Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, along with public notice of the planned hearing on the proposed budget on September 21st.

Mayor Pro-tem Brown made the motion to post the required notices, as presented. Aldermen McDougal second the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

(B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SAFETY CAGE OR PARTITION ALONG WITH TWO (2) DASH CAMERAS FOR THE SALADO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET TO REFLECT THE EXPENDITURES.

Village Administrator Ferguson said the Police Department is seeking authorization to expend funds for the acquisition of one (1) cage or partition for the Department's Ford Explorer and two (2) dash cameras for the Ford Explorer and one (1) of the Department's F-150 pick-up trucks.

He said the estimated cost of the cage or partition is \$1,070 while the estimated total cost of the dash cams is \$6,514.

Alderman Frank Coachman made the motion to authorize the purchase of the requested equipment in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. and to amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget accordingly. Mayor Pro-tem Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- (C) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO'S EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH HORIZON BANK RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT OF WASTEWATER BOND PROCEEDS.

Village Administrator Ferguson reported the Village's depository agreement with Horizon Bank, relating to the deposit of wastewater bond proceeds, is due to expire at the end of the month. He asked board members to authorize the Village staff to negotiate an extension of the agreement to bring to the Board for consideration.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to authorize the Village staff to negotiate an extension of the depository agreement relating to bond proceeds. Alderman Coachman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- (D) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A GOLF CART TO THE VILLAGE OF SALADO FROM FAIRWAY GOLF OF SALADO, TEXAS.

Alderman McDougal said Fairway Sports Vehicles of Salado has agreed to donate a \$3,200 golf cart to the Village for maintenance use. He said the golf cart is gas powered and will require one (1) oil change a year.

McDougal made a motion that the Village formally accept the donation of the golf cart from Fairway Sports Vehicles. Alderman Coachman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- (E) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY SECRETARY FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017.

Village Administrator Ferguson stated recent negotiations that resulted in the employment of the new City Secretary included an understanding that the Village would provide health, dental, vision and life insurance upon employment. Currently, he said the City's insurance coverage is effective after an employee's first sixty (60) days of employment.

He said with the delay in activation of the Village's employee insurance benefits, the City Secretary will be in a position of having to fund her own insurance benefits in September and October 2017, at an estimated cost of \$610 per month.

Mayor Pro-tem Brown made a motion to authorize the reimbursement of health, dental, vision and life insurance cost incurred by the City Secretary for the months of September and October 2017 while employed with the Village. Alderman Coachman seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

(F) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SALADO WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

Village Administrator Ferguson reported the title issues have been resolved on the last remaining parcel of property needed for the planned Salado Wastewater System. He said the purchase price of the parcel is \$1,200, along with a minimal amount of unpaid taxes on the property. He said there is a need for the Board to formally authorize the acquisition, payment of the minimal amount of unpaid taxes, closing costs and acceptance of easements relating to the acquisition.

Alderman Coachman made the motion to approve the acquisition, payment of the minimal amount unpaid taxes on the property, closing costs and the acceptance of easements, as presented. Alderman McDougal seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

4. WORKSHOP

(A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO.

Village Administrator Ferguson stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget has been filed in the City Secretary's office. He presented an overview of the budget and provided board members with a copy of the budget containing line item descriptions. He said adoption of the Effective Tax Rate is proposed to help fund the budget.

He said a detailed copy of the budget will be posted on-line and copies of the proposed budget made will be available for public review at the Library and Municipal Building.

Alderman McDougal questioned the inclusion of funding for the on-going monitoring of the Salado salamander.

Mayor Blancett said the proposed budget is lean and based on conservative revenue estimates. He noted the budget and tax rate are scheduled for adoption on September 21st.

(B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT IN SALADO. (ALDERMAN FRANK COACHMAN)

Alderman Coachman said the owner of a small limited use airfield, located south of Salado, recently approached the Village about the possible development of his facility into a general aviation airport. He said the options available to the Village would be to jointly develop the airfield with the owner or for the Village to purchase the runway, taxiways and the fueling facility after the facility is developed by the owner.

Village Administrator Ferguson said matching grant funds from the TxDOT Aviation Division are available for the development of general aviation facilities in Texas. For the Village to be considered for such funding, Ferguson said the proposed Salado airport must be part of the State Aviation Plan. He said a feasibility study by TxDOT would be required to determine if the proposed airport qualifies to be added to the State Aviation Plan.

Board members expressed support for the proposed airport development and asked that an item be placed on a future Board meeting agenda to request TxDOT perform a feasibility study on the proposed airport.

(C) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018 GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Mayor Blancett said discussion on this workshop agenda item will be delayed until a future meeting when all members of the Board are present.

(D) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED PLACEMENT OF PERMANENT ADVISORY SIGNAGE ON THE SALADO CREEK RELATING TO WATER QUALITY. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Village Administrator Ferguson reported generic signs advising the public about the potential presence of bacteria from time to time in the Salado Creek will be installed at Sirena and Pace Park. He said these signs will take the place of the "swim-don't swim" signage that is currently in place.

Board members expressed support for the new signage.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Blancett adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cara McPartland

Cara McPartland, City Secretary