

7-24-14

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, July 24, 2014 6:30pm

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Jim Reed - Village Administrator, Margaret Murray - Village Secretary, Debbie Charbonneau - Tourism Director, Dan Nixon - Financial Officer

Mayor Blancett called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

The National Anthem was sung by Bailee Reed of Salado. The National Anthem and Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Tom Goldsmith of First Baptist Church Salado lead the invocation.

Citizen Comments:

- Dr. Douglas Willingham - address on file, Salado – Trustee of Salado College Foundation – Supports the Village of Salado embracing Salado College Park as one of the parks in Salado. This would entail support in maintenance, cleaning and financially. They will continue to work on their own and will work with the Village.
- Beverly Turnbo – address on file, Salado – Asks for support in bringing Salado College Park under the umbrella of the Village of Salado. It is important that the history of Salado and the College are maintained and told, and a bond with the Village is important.
- Jim Boynton –address on file, Salado – Does not agree with the affidavit form being used as a complaint form for a building or code violation. Jim Reed says all complaints should go through Larry Berrier, however, Mr. Boynton believes that citizens should be able to go through any city employee to voice concern of violations. Salado is responsible to respond to issues which may be (especially) life safety issues, such as with the Shed. The Village Secretary has his telephone number if anyone wants to discuss with him.

Alderman McDougal made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2014. Motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Brown, motion passed unanimously.

Reports -

Village of Salado Departmental Reports

Mayor's Report: Activity Report / Update

Village Administrator's Report: Activity Report / Update – Discussed Town Hall meeting and responses, clarification provided that if the bond election passes and you have a senior citizen tax cap, your taxes will not increase. Full time Village Administrator job has been posted on TML website and will be in newspapers.

Tourism Director's Report: Activity Report – Salado Swirl last weekend 50 more tickets sold. Made approximately \$600 profit, plus many people who stayed overnight. Financials presented.

Financial Officer's Report: May Financials – Future financials will also include investments. YTD \$57K ahead of where we were budgeted. Property taxes up and sales tax down. Fees balance expenses.

Community Organization Reports

Keep Salado Beautiful – Susan Terry discussed need for Village of Salado to support Keep Salado Beautiful.
Salado College Foundation – Bill Kinneson requesting that Salado College Park become a park under the Village of Salado. He requested that the Village cover park under liability insurance. The foundation will retain title, the Village will clean and maintain. Park is part of history, and should be promoted as such to visitors.

New Business:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Marek of Schwertner were honored for their donation of \$1000 to the downtown project and \$500 per year. Mr. Jim Lassiter, business owner in Salado, was also honored for his matching donation.

2. *Alderman Dankert made a motion to add Keep Salado Beautiful as an organization under the Village of Salado and allot \$5000 as an initial budget from the 2014/15 budget from the Waste Disposal Franchise Fee. Motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Brown. Alderman Dankert moved to postpone action on the request and discuss at the next budget workshop in further detail. Motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Brown, motion to postpone passed unanimously.*
3. *Alderman Fields made a motion to accept College Hill Foundation Park under the umbrella of the city insurance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Coachman. Motion amended by Alderman Fields to postpone and allow Mr. Reed to research liabilities further. Amended motion was seconded by Alderman Coachman, motion passed unanimously*
4. *Alderman McDougal made a motion that Mayor Blancett provide a letter of affirmation to the Chamber Vision committee with the letter to be provided no later than August 1. Motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Brown, motion passed unanimously.*
5. *Alderman Dankert made a motion to allow relocation of Sirena statue to property on west side of Main Street. Motion was seconded by Mayor ProTem Brown. Mayor ProTem Brown amended the motion to approve the relocation of Sirena with details of indemnification to be worked out between owner of Sirena and Village Administrator of Salado on behalf of Salado. Motion was seconded by Alderman McDougal. Motion passed unanimously.*

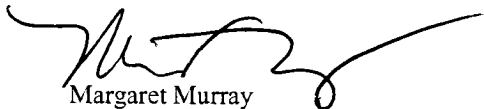
Announcements:


Next Scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting is August 7, 2014.

Mayor ProTem Brown made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Coachman, motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Murray
Village Secretary


Skip Blancett
Mayor