Village of Salado Board of Aldermen **Meeting Minutes**

Salado Civic Center Auditorium **Tuesday, November 21, 2000** Installation of Officers 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Dr. Raymond Carver, Rick Ashe, Jackie Mills, Mike Cooper, Vic Means. Alan Rogers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Judge Jon Burrows, Commissioner Tim Brown and a crowd of citizens

- 1. Bell County Judge Jon Burrows gave the oath of office to, and installed, Aldermen Raymond Carver, Rick Ashe, Jackie Mills, Mike Cooper, and Vic Means; Marshal Allan Rogers; and Mayor Charlotte Douglass. A Bell County certificate was presented to each officer by Judge Burrows.
- 2. Meeting called to order at approximately 7 p.m. by Mayor Douglass. Quorum determined.
- 3. Mayor Douglass stated that Robert's Rules of Order would be used for all meetings and that the Board would adhere to the three C's i.e., clear, concise, and courteous. Each presentation would be addressed to the chair. Any Citizen Presentations should be limited to three minutes. Resolutions to problems discussed will not be performed in haste so as not to conflict with existing state or local laws.
- 4. Rick Ashe nominated Vic Means as Mayor Pro Tem, 2nd by Mike Cooper, motion carried.
- 5. Mike Cooper recommended the Salado Village Voice newspaper be the official newspaper for publishing public notices. He also recommended that a post office box be contracted with the United States Postal Office in Salado for official business, 2nd by Rick Ashe, motion carried.

- 6. Ken Clapp, Chairman of the Salado Civic Center Foundation, sent a letter dated November 8, 2000 to Mayor Douglas offering Village officials free use of the Civic Center building for meetings. Jackie Mills made a motion to accept the offer, 2nd by Vic Means, motion carried.
- 7. The meeting was opened up to citizens in attendance. A question was asked regarding the establishment of zoning within the incorporated area. Mayor Douglas explained that a comprehensive master plan would first need to be studied, developed and approved before zoning is established.
- 8. After relating findings of terms offered by both local banks, Rick Ashe made a motion to establish a bank account at 1st State Bank in Salado, 2nd by Carver, motion carried.
- 9. Vic Means discussed joining the Texas Municipal League at a cost of \$443.00 per year and purchasing the minimal intergovernmental risk management insurance package through the League at a cost of \$1,428.00 per year. Payment of a 12 month policy up front would save 3% although the Village could select to pay \$357.00 quarterly at the full cost with the first payment due in 60 days. Once signed by Mayor Douglass, coverage would start immediately. Vic Means made a motion to accept, 2nd by Mike Cooper, motion passed.
- 10. Mike Cooper read a proposed Ordinance 2000.01, the Village's very first, calling for a 1% local sales and use tax election on January 20, 2000. Early voting would be accomplished either in person at the Salado Civic Center, or by mailing a completed official ballot to PO Box 219 between January 3 through 16, 2000. Applications for early voting ballots by mail must be received at P.O. Box 219, Salado 76571 by close of business on January 12, 2000. Mr. Cooper said the election will be conducted by the city but that Bell County will assist with election equipment. Notices, in both English and Spanish, will be posted 30 days prior to the election in the local newspaper. Cooper made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance, 2nd by Jackie Mills, motion carried.
- 11. Vic Means and Mike Cooper discussed the need for a 6 month moratorium on signs and the implementation of the current Salado Historical Society Guidelines until a master plan is completed to address building codes and guidelines for signs within the incorporated area. Resident Harry

Wilmer asked if these guidelines have legal teeth. Mayor Douglass said that by having this information on record the town has put persons / businesses on notice that official guidelines; once more research is completed, will be forthcoming.

12. Committee Chairs were announced by Mayor Douglass as follows:

Master Planning - Vic Means and Raymond Carver

Risk Management Insurance - Vic Means

Public Information - Jackie Mills

Hotel / Motel Tax Study - Jackie Mills and Raymond Carver

Road Maintenance - Rick Ashe

Liaison for Fire Department - Rick Ashe

Legal and Liaison for State and County Issues - Mike Cooper

Police Protection Liaison - Alan Rogers

Utility Franchise Fees - Raymond Carver

Budget / Finance - Charlotte Douglass

Chamber Board Representative - Raymond Carver

- 13. Mayor Douglass nominated as temporary Volunteer Secretary, Darlene Walsh, 2nd by Jackie Mills, motion carried. Mayor Douglas invited additional volunteers to support the various committees.
- 14. Mayor Douglass said that Lynn Epps offered to donate a computer to the town. Jackie Mills said that she may soon receive a donation of six computers, without printers, for the village.
- 15. Mayor Douglass stated that the Village Tree Lighting is scheduled for November 20 at 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. She encouraged all city officials to attend.
- 16. The next meeting of the Village of Salado Board of Alderman is set for Monday, November 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Meeting adjourned around 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Walsh