

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Monday, November 27, 2000
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: Tim Fleischer, editor of the **Salado Village Voice** and a crowd of citizens

1. Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Douglass. Quorum determined.
2. The November 21, 2000 meeting minutes were amended to state that the Village Tree Lighting is scheduled for November 30, 2000. Alderman Ashe recommended that the minutes then be approved, 2nd by Alan Rogers.
3. Alderman Means reported that Salado now has Intergovernmental Risk Management Insurance through the Texas Municipal League at a yearly cost of \$1,428.00.
4. No presentations by one or more citizens were requested. Mayor Douglass stated she will post a sign-up sheet, with a deadline noted, for future citizen presentations.
5. Alderman Carver presented a report on franchise fees. He has talked to officials from electric, phone, disposal, cable television and water businesses regarding the initiation of city franchise fees. He and Mayor Douglass plan to meet with officials from Wimberly this week to discuss procedural contracts for franchise fees.
6. Alderman Means discussed adoption of the existing Salado Historic District Guidelines until comprehensive guidelines for all of the incorporated

area of Salado can be studied and developed. The defined area of the existing Salado Historic District Guidelines is on page 18. Alderman Cooper explained that enforcement of guidelines may be accomplished through the appointment of a Committee. Individuals seeking to build within the incorporated Historic District of Salado would submit plans for approval of the majority of the Salado Board of Aldermen. Fines or penalties for noncompliance by individuals / businesses may be determined also. Mayor Douglass said that she would place a copy of the guidelines, with map, in the Salado Library for review by individuals. She proposed Aldermen take two weeks to review them prior to adopting the existing, or amended, guidelines.

7. Alderman Means summarized a proposed ordinance pertaining to signs in the village including pole signs. He then recommended that the Board adopt Ordinance 2000.02, 2nd by Alderman Mills, motion carried. Alderman Carver requested that Alderman Cooper look into a way to prevent advertising signs being placed on the new pole sign at the corner of Robertson Road and West Village Road. Mayor Douglass stated that she is talking to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) regarding any legal control, or input, the city of Salado may have over existing pole signs.

8. Mayor Douglass stated that some individuals have offered office space to the city at either no cost or little cost. Some site offers are for temporary space while others are for longer terms. Mayor Douglass suggested that Aldermen ponder the ramifications of a possible conflict of interest problem if they accept space from an individual versus renting space at the Civic Center for approximately \$325 per month. The centrally located Civic Center space would come with the use of a telephone, fax and copy machine according to Mayor Douglass. Alderman Ashe and Alderman Mills volunteered to study the problem and present their findings to the Board at the next meeting.

9. Alderman Mills discussed research on a possible hotel / motel tax. She said that she determined actual hotel / bed & breakfast income reported last Spring to the Texas Attorney General's Office, and using a 6% sales tax, computed that Salado would collect approximately \$130,000 - \$150,000 per year. Texas law strictly limits the use of collected monies for tourism in five possible ways: convention registration; convention center; advertising; arts; or historic preservation and restoration. Alderman Mills stated that an approved city ordinance is all that is needed. Collection of monies from hotels, motels and bed and breakfast establishments must be accomplished by city officials

and kept in a separate account. The Texas State Comptroller's Office can verify Salado officials are collecting monies accurately each year.

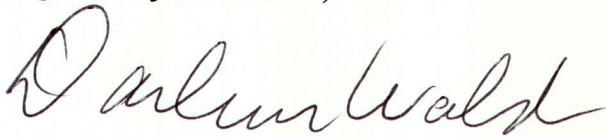
10. Alderman Mills read a wish list of items to include paper, phones and office supplies that the city of Salado requires money and / or donations for. Following discussion, Mayor Douglass recommended that details of the wish list be spread by word of mouth to potential community donors.

11. Alderman Ashe reported that Texas state law requires minimal police protection be provided by the County Sheriff. Alderman Rogers said he has an appointment set up with Sheriff Dan Smith to discuss future support.

12. Alderman Carver said that Pat Merrill, past president of the Salado Creek Committee, passed away November 21, 2000. Following the reading of a proposed Resolution of Recognition by Alderman Carver, Alderman Cooper recommended that the Board approve it, 2nd by Alderman Means.

Meeting adjourned at around 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Walsh". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Darlene Walsh