

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Civic Center Auditorium
Thursday, September 6, 2001
6:30pm

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Vic Means, Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills, Alan Rogers, Rick Ashe

Members Absent: Raymond Carver, Jackie Mills

Others Present: Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, George & Becky McAulay, Don Ellis

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglass at 6:30pm. Quorum determined.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept and approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 23rd, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

The second of two public hearings on the upcoming fiscal year budget was held. Mayor Douglass explained that line item 1120, payroll taxes of \$5,900 will cover Workman's Compensation fees as well. Mayor Douglass explained how the budget committee came up with the estimated Sales Tax revenue, Franchise Fees and several of the expense line items.

Alderman Ashe explained the budgeting of money for Animal Control. That is money spent to take animals to the Temple Animal Control center.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt the budget of Oct. 1, 2001 thru Sept. 30, 2002, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

Presentations by Citizens:

George McAulay addressed the Board regarding the road that runs East and West in front of his business. Mr. McAulay proposed that the road be dedicated to the Village and he requests that the Board authorize Alderman Ashe and/or Alderman Means to negotiate the details of repairing the road and prepare an agreement to go ahead with the dedication of the property to the Village. Motion was made by Alderman Means to further study taking over the road in front of Old Town Salado shopping strip, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

Chief of Police Report – Alan Rogers:

Chief Rogers reported that the progress of the renovations on the Municipal building are coming along. There will need to be a grab bar placed on the wall in the handi-capped restroom. The window between the secretary's office and the foyer will be finished out with an area where people can do writing. The sink faucet and toilet will need to be changed out in the handi-capped restroom. A sidewalk with a handi-cap ramp still needs to be done. Electrical wires in the attic still need to be completed. The alarm system is ordered and needs to be installed.

Chief Rogers has a line on a free used camera for the police car.

Discussion was made on citation fees and it was advised that the citations be printed up without the fees on the back until further study of legal fee structure can be made.

Interviews for deputy candidates will be held next week. A recommendation will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Alderman Cooper wanted to go on record and commend the Salado Volunteer Fire Department for the way they responded and handled a medical emergency in his neighborhood recently. The response of that department was very professional and responsive to the situation.

Mayor Douglass reviewed the monthly financial report with the Board. \$84,811.88 was the end of the month checking account balance. Mayor Douglass and Treasurer Eldon Miller will look into investing some of this money.

Old Business:

1. Alderman Means reported that Mayor Douglas and Alderman Cooper met with Dan Sefko with Dunkin, Sefko & Assoc. who will be doing the Comprehensive Plan. A completed contract has been drawn up and each Board member is encouraged to read it. The zoning and subdivision regulations will cost the Village \$99,500.00. It was negotiated with Mr. Sefko to spread that amount out over two years. \$60,000.00 will be paid October of 2001 and the other \$40,000.00 will be paid October of 2002. Alderman Means made a motion to give Mayor Douglass the authority to sign the contract with Dunkin, Sefko and Associates, 2nd by Alderman Cooper, motion carried.
2. Mayor Douglass reminded the Board that it will become the Village's responsibility to begin assigning street addresses on all new property in October. Mayor Douglass will talk with CTCOG and ask that it be November before the Village takes over that responsibility.
3. Alderman Means reported on the progress of the renovation of the Municipal building. Alderman Means informed the Board that it is now time to spend money on repairs in order to get into the building by October 1st. Alderman Means asked the Board for authority to spend up to \$3,000.00 to get the building finished. Motion was made by Alderman Means to spend up to \$3,000.00, 2nd by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Alderman Cooper created an ordinance to establish a city secretary position. Alderman Cooper recommended and made a motion to adopt the Ordinance creating the office of city secretary prescribing duties of the office, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.
2. Mayor Douglass informed the Board that there is a TML state conference in Houston on Nov. 29-30 and asked if any member wished to attend. Decision on who will attend was tabled so that Board members could look over the details of the conference.

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the Village Secretary position.

The Board re-convened into open session. Alderman Cooper made a motion to offer Dianna Zulauf, a part-time employee, the position of Village Secretary, 2nd by Alderman Means, motion carried.

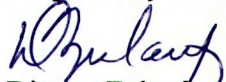
Announcements:

1. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2001.
2. Mayor Douglass asked the Board to look over material on a Small City Planning Problem Solving Clinic on Oct. 12th and get to her on who wants to attend. Cost is \$35.00/person and is held in Austin.

3. Alderman Ashe informed the Board that he will soon begin working the midnight shift at his occupation job.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary