

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Meeting Minutes**

Salado Municipal Building  
Thursday, December 6, 2001  
6:30pm

Members Present: Charlotte Douglass, Michael Cooper, Rick Ashe, Alan Rogers, Jackie Mills, Raymond Carver

Members Absent: Vic Means

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Alan Bojorquez – Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever, & McDaniel Law Firm, Gary Coutu – Geo. Information Systems, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Chine Ray – Chamber Representative, several citizens

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 Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Ashe, motion carried.

Due to visitors on the agenda who were there at the beginning of the meeting and needed to leave quickly, Mayor Douglass did not follow the items on the agenda in the order that they were listed.

Report from Chief of Police:

Chief Rogers reported that the Racial Profiling policy has been written and an ordinance will be proposed for approval later in the meeting.

Chief Rogers reported that the City of Harker Heights has loaned Salado a video camera to use in the police car. This is a signed long-term loan agreement which will save Salado about five thousand dollars. Each Alderman had a copy of the agreement to review. Chief Rogers informed the Board that he now needed to purchase about 75 video tapes.

Chief Rogers reported that there was a rash of auto burglaries recently. He and Officer Brown have been working extra hours to combat the problem. Chief Rogers has authorized overtime pay for Officer Brown. Chief Rogers requested funds from the Board to use as reward money. The Board rejected his request. The Board felt that waiting to see if the burglaries continued would be best before establishing policy by setting up reward money this early.

Chief Rogers reported that the Business registration and House Watch program are both going well and have been well received.

Chief Rogers hired two Bell County deputies to patrol during the Christmas Stroll weekends.

Chief Rogers explained the procedure with phone numbers that citizens need to do in order to get a hold of an officer here in Salado and asked Tim Fleischer to publish it in the newspaper.

Mayor Douglass went over the November financial reports. It was requested that "Year-to-Date" be written in large letters on the roll-up report.

### **New Business, Item #1:**

Mr. Gary Coutu with the Temple College Geography Department was present and gave a slide presentation on what his students and their department could do for Salado in mapping and census areas. Mr. Coutu asked to use Salado as a source of study for his students and Salado would reap the benefits of the results of their study. The Board eagerly agreed.

### **Old Business:**

1. Mayor Douglass appointed a committee of Alderman Ashe and Alderman Mills and who ever else they would like to have on the committee, to study the Village's role in maintenance right-of-way and street signage. This will be the start of establishing a policy.
2. Each Board member received a binder containing 600 plus pages that Alderman Carver prepared of DPS's Basic Plan on Emergency Operations and select Annex's to review and alter to fit Salado. The Board will strive to adopt the Basic Plan at the next Board meeting.
3. Mayor Douglass reported that Shiloh Sign Company has agreed to all of the Board's requests in the law suit settlement. Mayor Douglass will complete the settlement in the next few days.
4. Mayor Douglass explained the process of the Village Employee's Retirement Plan through Texas Municipal Retirement System. Mayor Douglass and the budget committee recommended that the Village match the employee's contribution one-to-one. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to match the employee's contribution one-to-one, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Carver, motion carried.
5. Mayor Douglass reported that Mr. Williams, owner of Robertson Ham's, has not returned any of her phone calls or replied to her letter regarding his sign ordinance violation. Discussion was made on whether Mr. William's letter to the Board requesting a variance was sufficient and whether the Board should pursue further measures to have Mr. Williams comply with the Ordinance. Motion was made by Alderman Ashe to approve Mr. Williams sign variance via his letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Mills, motion carried 3 to 1 with one Alderman abstaining.
6. Mr. Alan Bojorquez with the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever, & McDaniel was present to answer any questions the Board might have regarding hiring his firm to represent Salado legally. Each Board member had a copy of the four financial proposals the law firm submitted. The decision was tabled until Mayor Douglass can review with the Budget committee which proposal the Village could/should utilize.

### **New Business:**

2. Alderman Cooper prepared and presented Ordinance No. 2001.24, adopting Racial Profiling General Orders of the Salado Police Department according to the Texas Legislature. Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt Ordinance No. 2001.24, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Carver, motion carried.
3. Mayor Douglass reported that the Bell County Public Health District has approved Salado's request/application to join the District. Mayor Douglass is looking for someone to represent Salado on the BCPHD Board. Several suggestions of citizens who might be interested were mentioned. Mayor Douglass will talk with these citizens to see if anyone is interested.
4. Mayor Douglass informed the Board of a TML workshop on Open Meetings and Public Information. Mayor Douglass will attend.
5. Alderman Cooper reported that he and Alderman Means attended an IH35 Corridor Council meeting. John Obr with TxDOT spoke at the meeting and confirmed that TxDOT will build a

frontage road down I35 when they come through and re-do the highway, putting to rest the prospect that TxDOT was not going to build a frontage road.

Announcements:

1. Steering Committee meeting will be Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at the Municipal Building.
2. Next Board meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Municipal Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary