

Village Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Salado Municipal Building
Wednesday, July 18, 2002
6:30pm

Members present: Charlotte Douglass, Vic Means, Rick Ashe, Suzi Epps, Michael Cooper

Members Absent: Jackie Mills

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf - Village Secretary, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, April Allen – Tourism Director, Officer Cliff Brown, Treasurer Eldon Miller, Citizen George McAulay, 7 Scott & White Representatives

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

Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated July 3rd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ashe, motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Director Report:

Tourism Director April Allen read a report of what her department is currently working on. See attached.

Items were not discussed in the same order as listed on the agenda due to visitors.

Old Business:

5. Village Website Progress

Alderman Epps reported that she has been investigating other cities websites trying to find a format that would accommodate Salado. Alderman Epps passed out a sample of Georgetown's site and recommended that the Village acquire more e-mail mailboxes from VVM at .95 cents each to allow each Alderman to have a "city e-mail" address to conduct city business through as opposed to using their own private e-mail addresses. Dianna Zulauf will set up new mailboxes for any Alderman who wants one.

4. Report from Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Alderman Means reported that the Steering Committee met yesterday and completed the review of the draft subdivision ordinance. The Planner will make the corrections and resubmit at the next scheduled meeting which will be August 7, 2002. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 15, 2002. The Planner will now begin drafting a zoning ordinance. Alderman Means commended the Steering Committee members for their diligent work on the entire comprehensive plan.

1. Road in Front of Old Town

Mayor Douglass explained that George & Becky McAulay would like to dedicate the road in front of their shopping center, Old Town Shopping Center, that connects Main Street to the access road to the Village. Mr. McAulay explained his concern that if that road is not a Village street when TxDOT comes through to widen the highway and redo the access road, it is likely to be considered a private street and part of that street will be lost and would impair the traffic for the businesses on that street. The McAulay's have paid for a survey and will reimburse the Village for any costs to repair the street. Alderman Cooper has prepared a General Warranty Deed, an agreement with the

McAulays to reimburse the Village for repairs, arranged with the Bank to release the liens on the property, and an ordinance. Alderman Cooper made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2002.13 dedicating this street to the Village of Salado as a public street and authorize the Mayor to execute with the McAulays the undertaking of reimbursing the Village for repair costs. Alderman Means seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

6. Update on Emergency Medical Services

Alderman Ashe introduced Mike Phillips with Scott & White Hospital. Mr. Phillips explained to the Board what Scott & White could do for Salado by putting an ambulance service here and the procedure to make it happen. Mr. Phillips explained that they would provide an ambulance and EMT's twenty four hours a day, seven days a week free. The Village would have to provide them a covered place to park the ambulance and a place for the EMT's to bunk with utilities. The service would cover the same area as the SVFD. Alderman Ashe suggested putting the ambulance service at the Municipal building. Building a garage at the north end of the property and housing the EMT's in the current evidence room next door to the Chief's office. Alderman Ashe estimated that the cost would be around \$5,000.00 and stated that he has talked with Fire Chief Rutherford and is told that there is no room at the SVFD. Alderman Ashe will fine tune the prospective costs and this issue will be put on the next agenda for further consideration.

2. Pace Park Memorandum of Understanding with Chamber

Mayor Douglass reminded the Board of the agreement to have the Chamber of Commerce manage Pace Park while the Village provided insurance through TML. Alderman Cooper explained the background of the park, passed out an agreement defining the Village's responsibilities and the Chamber's responsibility and ordinance he has drawn up, and proposed that the Village enter into an agreement with the W.A. Pace Park Board of Trustees to operate the park. Alderman Cooper also explained that the ordinance would give authority to the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chamber and what their responsibilities would be as managers of the park. Alderman Cooper will clarify in the ordinance the obligation of the Chamber to replace/repair tables and chairs at the park. After alteration is made the documents will be taken to the Chamber and the Pace Park Board of Trustees for approval.

3. Budget 2002 – 2003

Mayor Douglass went through the proposed income and expenses. The Board lowered the income budget for telephone franchise fee to \$40,000.00 and added \$4,000.00 for Municipal Court income.

Mayor Douglass informed the Board that the Civic Center has approached her with another option for the Village renting space in the Civic Center. The Civic Center has offered a smaller space for less money than previously stated. The Board felt that not paying rent but trying to pay off the Municipal building was the best route to go right now. Motion was made by Alderman Means to not rent space in the Civic Center. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Once the Board voted to not rent, expense numbers were adjusted taking out the estimated expenses for if the Village rented space.

New Business:

1. Year-To-Date Financials

The financials ending June 30th were reviewed. This far the Village is over budget in income by about \$89,000.00 and under budget on expenses about \$55,000.00.

2. Repair/Paint Municipal Building

Mayor Douglass informed the Board that she has gotten a quote to repair and paint the exterior of the Municipal building for \$2,000.00. Alderman Mills suggested using the work release people

from Bell County to do the work. Officer Brown has agreed to supervise the work release people for overtime pay. The Board had no objections to having the work done by supervising work release and the goal is to have it done by September.

3. Discussion on Congested/Parking on Sides of Streets

Alderman Epps reported that there is a problem with some streets being too narrow for cars to park on the edge on both sides. The street becomes too narrow for emergency vehicles. The Board discussed options such as putting signs on one side of these streets that say "No Parking", or talking with business owners about having the trucks park in a way that could allow emergency vehicles through. Mayor Douglass will visit with the Russells at the Baines House B&B.

4. Proposal for Board Meeting Tables

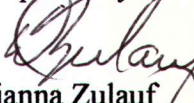
Alderman Mills has asked a cabinet builder to give the Village a quote on building Board of Aldermen tables for monthly meetings. The builder was not in attendance.

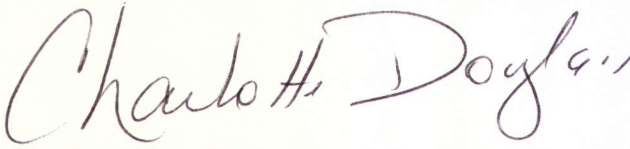
Announcements:

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is August 1, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Charlotte Douglass
Mayor

Village of Salado

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Report of the Tourism Office

The In-Room Visitor Guides are ready and being distributed. Also, the visitor Surveys have been printed and will be distributed at the next Lodging meeting the first week in August.

The Tourism Director attended her first Texas Society of Association Executives luncheon representing Salado, today in Austin. She reacquainted herself with some past contacts and made several new contacts. After the luncheon she stopped by the Texas Hotel & Motel Association office to say hello and pick up some information for the next lodging meeting.

Sonya Campo with AJR Associates is helping the Tourism Office coordinate some co-op ads in Texas Highways and Journey Magazine. The Tourism Office will be sending out that information in the next week. Also, Cuisine Scene Magazine out of Austin has put together a co-op ad proposal and the information on that will go out Friday, July 19.