

Village Board of Aldermen
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building
Thursday, October 21, 2004
6:30pm

Members present: Jack Schrock, Michael Cooper, Rick Ashe, Suzi Epps, Jackie Mills, Vic Means

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, Debbie Charbonneau – New Tourism Director, citizens: Bob Pascoe, Jill Shipman, Curt Strong, Troy Kelley, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams, Charlotte Douglass, Robert Denman, Bruno Matarazzo, Kate Darnell, one citizen unknown

Mayor Ashe called the meeting to order at 6:30, quorum present.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated October 7th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations and/or Resolution:

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Resolution No. 029, appointing the new Tourism Council members. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report:

No Report. Chief Rogers presented a brochure on under-aged drinking that Officer Buchanan created.

Report from Tourism Chair:

Alderman Epps introduced Debbie Charbonneau. The Tourism Council recommended hiring Mrs. Charbonneau to fill the Tourism Director position.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to hire Debbie Charbonneau as Salado's Tourism Director. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Request:

Troy Kelley, a representative of the Arts, Inc. group in town, proposed that if Salado was currently looking for a motto or may look for one in the future that the Board incorporate the word "Art" or "Artists" in the motto. Mr. Kelley stated that Salado has been known in the past and is still known as an "art" community and feels like that is a positive unique draw for Salado.

Unfinished Business:

1. Contractor Registration Ordinance

Alderman Epps presented Draft B of an ordinance requiring contractors to register with Salado. Alderman Epps and Code Enforcement Officer Bruno Matarazzo explained why Salado needed this ordinance and the administrative process that will be set up. A definition for "Contractor" will be added to section 2.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt Ordinance No. 2004.15, Contractor Registration. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

2. Sonic Sign Variance Request

Alderman Epps stated that a message had been left with Sonic representatives, Scott Maynor and Ray Fain that their sign variance request was on tonight's agenda and was encouraged to attend. No Sonic representative was present.

Alderman Epps explained that Sonic's original sign request was denied due to sign height. Sonic has asked for a variance to that height requirement asking for a 70' high sign. Alderman Means presented pictures that he had taken of other surrounding cities and how their communities looked with the sign heights that they've allowed or required.

Motion was made by Alderman Means to deny Sonic's sign variance request. Motion was made by Alderman Schrock, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion on Oak Wilt – Citizen Kate Darnell

Kate Darnell addressed the Board concerning the oak wilt problem in Salado. Mrs. Darnell stated that there are several "cells" of oak wilt in Mill Creek and requested that the Village look into adopting an ordinance requiring that all trees being trimmed be treated at the wound to help prevent the spread of this disease.

2. Year-to-Date Financials and Quarterly Reports

Mayor Ashe reviewed the year-to-date financials and quarterly reports. There were no objections.

3. Appointment of Planning & Zoning Officers

Mayor Ashe explained that each year in October the Board of Aldermen are to appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Ashe has spoken with the current officers and they have agreed to hold those positions for another year.

Motion was made by Alderman Means to appoint Jack Herrington as Chair, Ronnie Tynes and Vice-Chair, and Darlene Walsh as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

4. Administrative Action on Hotel/Motel Budget

Dianna Zulauf and Alderman Epps explained that there were some line items on the '04-'05 Hotel/Motel budget that needed to be changed.

Tourism Directors salary changed from \$36,000.00 to \$32,000.00. Thirty-six thousand was the highest the Board would go on salary. The Tourism Director was then hired at thirty-five thousand but doesn't begin work until November.

The salary change caused the payroll tax line item to change to \$4,000.00.

The Telephone line item was increased to \$2,000.00 to accommodate long distance calls.

The Overtime/Part time line item was increased to \$6,250.00 to allow for hiring help during the time when there was no Tourism Director in place.

The left over grant money from '03-'04 was carried over to '04-'05 in their respective categories.

The Chamber of Commerce grant increased to \$14,000.00; Tablerock increased to \$5,975.00;

Public Arts League increased to \$4,550.00; and Ladies Auxiliary increased to \$1,200.00.

Contingency was reduced to \$10,000.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to accept the changes stated to the 2004-2005 Hotel/Motel budget. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of ETJ Expansion Boundaries and/or Time Frame

This item was moved to the bottom of the agenda to allow more time to discuss it.

6. Consideration of Stockton Subdivision Final Plat

Alderman Epps explained that Susan Stockton wishes to subdivide her property on Main Street and has gone through the Planning & Zoning Commission. The P&Z have approved Ms. Stockton's plans and recommend approval by the Board of Aldermen.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to approve Susan Stockton's final plat as submitted and recommended by the P&Z Commission. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration of Make-Up of Zoning Board of Adjustment

Alderman Cooper stated that currently the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is made up of seven members. According to law, six must be present to have a quorum and to vote on issues. The ZBA recommends to the Board of Aldermen that the ZBA board be increased to eight members and two alternates.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to increase the ZBA board to eight members with two alternates. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

The ZBA also recommends a non-refundable variance request fee of \$75.00 be put in place. *Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt a \$75.00 variance request fee. Motion was seconded by Alderman Means, motion carried unanimously.*

5. Consideration of ETJ Expansion Boundaries and/or Time Frame

Mayor Ashe explained that in order to map out what Salado has already taken into its ETJ by petition, and to allow surrounding cities to know where Salado's boundaries are currently, the Board needs to consider a time-sensitive stopping point on ETJ expansion. The Board agreed to form a committee to look at how and how often Salado should expand its boundaries and come up with some sort of annexation plan for the Village. Alderman Means will chair the committee.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to form an annexation plan committee to look at Salado's growth. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements:

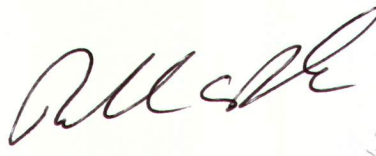
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is November 4, 2004 at 6:30PM.

For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor

