

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

Municipal Building  
Thursday, August 18, 2005  
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Jackie Mills, Suzi Epps, Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong

Members Absent:

Others Present: Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice Newspaper, citizens: Danney McCort, Leigh Bracken, Vic Means

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

**Citizen Comments:**

Danney McCort asked what was going to be done about the large pile up of gravel in the creek next to the low water crossing in Mill Creek. Recent heavy rains have washed large amounts of gravel down the creek. Alderman Cooper will meet with the state conservation department next week to find out what permits Salado must have in order to clean out the gravel.

*Alderman Epps made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 4th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

**Proclamations and/or Resolution:**

None

**Chief of Police Report:**

None

**Report from Tourism Chair:**

Debbie Charbonneau reported on the recent TACVB conference and future conference bid cities and recent advertising. See attached.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Draft B of 2005 – 2006 Proposed Budget

Mayor Ashe went over the changes made to the proposed budget since Draft A. On the Village account, a total decrease in expenses of \$3,400.00, no changes to income. Currently, on the Village account for the next fiscal year, expected income is \$523,300.00 and expected expenses are \$490,050.00 (before Capital Outlay). There were no changes to the Hotel/Motel account from Draft A.

Some concern was raised regarding the low budget amount for the police department fuel account. Chief Rogers will recalculate his mileage and expected fuel usage and come back to the Board with a new budget number for fuel.

2. Bidding Procedures for Building Renovation

Alderman Epps stated that there are two ways to have the funeral home building renovated; contract with a General Contractor or contract with sub-contractors. It was felt that contracting with a General Contractor was the better idea so that there was one individual to correspond with on the renovation.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to contract with a General Contractor to renovate the funeral home building. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

*Mayor Ashe left due to an emergency, 7:00PM.*

**New Business:**

1. Proposed Hotel/Motel Grant Awards

Alderman Epps reported that the Tourism Council has voted to continue giving grants to local organizations who qualify. At the discretion of the Tourism Council, the grant distribution recommended for the 2005 – 2006 budget year will be \$22,000.00. That is down from last year due to the Council deciding that more funds should be directed towards advertising. Applications for grants have been received and reviewed.

*Motion was made by Alderman Epps to grant the following organizations grant money for the fiscal year of '05 – '06: Salado Chamber of Commerce - \$8,800; Institute for the Humanities - \$2,500; Music in Salado - \$500.00; Tablerock - \$4,000.00; and Special Projects - \$6,200.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.*

2. Sign Variance Request from Southern Image

Citizen Leigh Bracken explained that he is the manager of Southern Image, a gallery on Main Street located in the Stage Stop Shopping Center, and requested a sign variance to keep the pole sign in front of his shop that he recently put up. Mr. Bracken has exceeded the number of signs allowed by the sign ordinance. Some of the Board were not familiar with the sign in question.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to table this issue until the next meeting in order for the Board to review the sign ordinance and drive by the shop to see the sign and its location. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.*

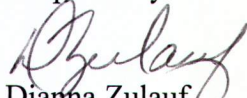
**Announcements:**

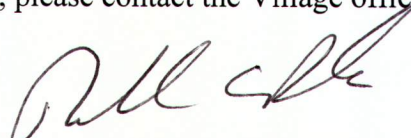
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is September 1, 2005 at 6:30PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mills, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary

  
Rick Ashe  
Mayor

