



Forum Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building
Tuesday, August 14, 2007 @ 6:00PM

Members Present: Suzi Epps, Michael Cooper, Merle Stalcup, Rick Ashe, Forrest Holloway

Members Absent: Curt Strong

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf, John Simcik, citizens: 99

Mayor Ashe called the forum to order at 6:10pm.

Mayor Ashe explained that the purpose of the forum was to get input from citizens on the recent flooding, the proposed TXU power lines, and property taxes. No votes/motions would be made by the Board. Citizens were instructed to step up to the microphone, state their name and address and make their comment.

John Simcik, Village Engineer, gave a Power Point presentation directed to answer some of the questions asked in writing prior to the forum regarding Salado's infrastructure and water flow. Mayor Ashe then opened the floor for public comments. Carol Walls asked the Board to enlist the services of a qualified hydro-engineer to study the entire watershed as it impacts Salado, and to investigate and apply for grants to fund necessary changes. The rest of the comments boiled down to wanting the Village to clean out Smith Branch creek, monitor it on a regular basis and fix/rebuild the small bridge on Winners Circle to keep it from becoming dam like during hard rains. Nine citizens spoke on this issue.

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Dave Gloyna, a resident in Salado's ETJ, gave an overview of where TXU wants to run their new power lines and his own preferred route. The citizens asked the Board to take a position of opposing TXU's preferred route and send a letter to the Public Utilities Commission stating such. It was also suggested that the Board file a Petition of Intervention with the PUC as the City of Hutto has done. Eleven people spoke on this issue.

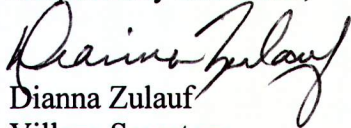
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Mayor Ashe simply opened the floor to citizen comments. The consensus was that a property tax is inevitable, but the citizens requested that other methods be researched to increase sales tax. A suggestion was made to implement a minimal property tax and set it aside for about five years and let it build so that the Village can then do some major projects. Ten people spoke on this issue.

This forum involved only discussion, no actions were taken.

Forum adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary



Rick Ashe
Mayor

