

Village Board of Aldermen
Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building
Thursday, September 20, 2007
6:30pm

Members present: Michael Cooper, Forrest Holloway, Rick Ashe, Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Suzi Epps

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, Eldon Miller – Village Treasurer, Veronica Rivera – Village Attorney, citizens: 12

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

Citizen Comments: Tom Pappas, 1508 Southridge Rd., Mr. Pappas informed the Board that he is not in favor of swinging low water barricades next to his house. He would like to Village to continue using the wooded portable barricades. Mr. Pappas also stated that the last time gravel was removed from the creek the tractor came across his property. He would rather they get to the gravel from the other side of the creek.

Mark Danford, 1601 Stagecoach Circle, stated that water drains from IH35 across other properties into his property. The tin horns and drainage ditch behind his property is clogged and needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Danford asked the Board for some assistance in fixing the problem.

Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 6th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations: Mayor Ashe read a proclamation proclaiming Oct. 7th as Friends Feeding Friends Food Drive day. Liz Armstrong was present to accept the proclamation. Mayor Ashe read a proclamation proclaiming October has Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Diana Pascoe was present to accept the proclamation.

Chief of Police Report: No Report.

Report from Tourism Chair: No Report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Proposed 2007 – 2008 Budget Public Hearing Item

Mayor Ashe stated that this was the second of two public hearings on the Village's proposed 2007 – 2008 budget and opened the floor for questions or comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to adopt the proposed 2007 – 2008 Village and Hotel/Motel budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

2. Gravel Removal at Low Water Bridge, Mill Creek

Alderman Stalcup restated that he has a proposal from Richard Waters of Lake View Services to remove the excess gravel in Salado Creek at no charge to the Village if he can have the gravel. The Village's permit from TCEQ is still valid, until June 2008. The Board had no problem with the proposed arrangement. Merle will seek to enter into an agreement with Mr. Waters and have the Village attorney look at it prior to signing.

Motion was made by Alderman Stalcup to enter into an agreement with Richard Waters that would allow him to remove the excess gravel in Salado Creek in Mill Creek at no cost to the Village and Mr. Waters can have the gravel. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

3. Fill Expired Tourism Council Seats

Alderman Epps stated that two seats on the Tourism Council will be coming available October 1st, Jackie Mills and Suzi Epps. The Tourism Council recommends Ronnie Tynes and Will Lowery to fill those seats. Alderman Epps also suggested that an alternate be chosen in the event a seat becomes unexpectedly vacant or some is unable to serve. They are recommending June Willingham. The Tourism Council is working on some changes to their bylaws.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to appoint Ronnie Tynes and Will Lowery to the Tourism Council and to name June Willingham as the alternate upon approval of the new bylaws. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

4. Main Street Banners

Alderman Epps stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like to place holiday banners in designated spots throughout the Village to add a festive appeal to the Village. They will be placed on poles belonging to Oncor Electric. Oncor needs an approval from the Village before they will agree to allow the banners to be hung. Alderman Epps has contacted TxDOT but has not received a response. This is a joint effort between the Chamber and the Tourism department. There is no cost to the city.

Motion was made by Alderman Epps to support the Chamber and Tourism department on their efforts to have banners hung in Salado. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

5. Proclamation. Moved up on agenda to "Proclamations"

6. Official Village Newspaper Resolution

A resolution was presented naming the Salado Village Voice as the official newspaper for the Village government.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Resolution No. 055. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stalcup, motion carried unanimously.

7. Investment Policy Resolution

Treasurer Miller explained that there are no recommended changes to the Village's current Investment Policy, but the policy must be readopted each year.

Motion was made by Alderman Holloway to adopt Resolution No. 054 adopting the current Investment Policy and naming Eldon Miller as the Village's Financial Officer. Motion was seconded by Alderman Epps, motion carried unanimously.

8. Report from the Legislative Committee

Alderman Strong provided a legislative summary report on the Village's efforts during the last legislative session and advised that if the Board wanted to push the two bills attempted by us last session, this is the time to act to make sure it is filed timely and understood by all before the next session begins.

9. Review of Water Barricades

The board considered the possibility of having permanent low water barricades made and placed in three different areas in Mill Creek. The Village Attorney will look into the Village's minimum liability on erecting such barricades. This issue will be placed on a future agenda pending more research.

10. Year-to-Date Financials

There were no objections to the financials.

11. Report on Stagecoach Sewer Study

Alderman Strong presented the Board with a written final report on the Village Sewer Evaluation Committee's research into hooking in to the Stagecoach Inn's current processing plant. Final result, the plant will not accommodate additional hookups and because the Village does not have a property tax we are not eligible for grants to install a city sewer system.

12. Request for Exception on Pace Park Hours of Operation Policy

Stephanie Trautmann asked the Board to make an exception to the policy of the park being open to the public at 7:00AM to hold an exercise boot camp and allow her group of women to use the park and pavilion to exercise from 5:15 AM to 6:15AM, Monday thru Friday. Ms. Trautmann stated that they could run at the track at the school but her group wants to use the park and feels safe there.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to change the park policy to state that Pace Park is open to the public from 5:00AM to 10:00PM every day but the facilities (i.e.: restrooms, tables & chairs, etc.) would not be available until 8:00AM. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

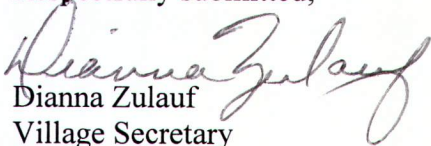
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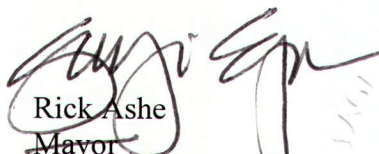
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 4, 2007 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Rick Ashe
Mayor
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