

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.
Thursday, August 7, 2008
6:30pm

Members present: Merle Stalcup, Curt Strong, Bob Pascoe, Stephen Peters, Carol Walls, Mike Cooper

Members Absent:

Others Present: Dianna Zulauf – Village Secretary, Alan Rogers – Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, Tim Fleischer – Village Voice, citizens: 15

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

Citizen Comments:

Charlotte Douglass, 317 Salado Creek Place – Ms. Douglass commended the Board on the job they've done with the proposed budget. Ms. Douglass spoke in approval of ad valorem taxes and would like to see better raises for employees, no cuts in police patrolling, early warning system put in place, wants more done on roads, wants to see a line item added for grants, and feels the board did not budget enough for legal fees.

Danney McCort, 406 Royal View – Mr. McCort stated he does not want to see .25 cents ad valorem taxes implemented; suggested waiting on early warning alarms until the county and CTCOG finish with a plan/system to assist cities with alarm systems. Mr. McCort feels the board has over spent on legal fees this current fiscal year and is concerned about the amount of money budgeted to be spent on roads.

Hans Fields, 818 Blaylock Circle – Mr. Fields spoke against ad valorem taxes.

Joe R. , 162 Twelfth Green Lane – Spoke against ad valorem taxes.

Alderman Pascoe made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated July 17th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Walls made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of July 22nd. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop minutes of July 30th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

Chief of Police Report: No Report.

Report from Tourism Chair: Director Charbonneau stated that the FAM Tour committee is currently working with 15 to 20 meeting planners about coming to Salado in November. The Chocolate & Art Festival is scheduled for October and currently has 5 sponsors and a website.

The Texas Downtown Association meeting is scheduled for November 11th.

The signs for city restrooms should be completed by the end of August. The monument signs that will be erected at the north and south ends of town are approved but no date as of yet when they'll be put up. The Village will pay for one and the Chamber will pay for the other.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2007 – 2008 Amended Budget Ordinance

Mayor Stalcup went over the suggested changes to the current fiscal year budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Ordinance No. 2008.17 and amend the current year budget as stated in the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2. Update on Flood Ordinance – John Simcik

Village Engineer John Simcik was not present to explain his recommendation for updating the Flood Ordinance. This issue was postponed until Mr. Simcik could be in attendance.

3. 2008 – 2009 Proposed Village Budget

Draft G of the Village's '08 – '09 proposed budget was presented. This draft reflected a 17.77 cent ad valorem tax.

Alderman Strong made a motion to raise the proposed ad valorem tax rate to .20 cents and add a line item for Grants and to place the excess money in that line item for warning sirens and the on-going mitigation plan for Winners Circle Bridge. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper, motion failed with Alderman Pascoe, Alderman Peters, and Alderman Walls opposing.

Alderman Peters made a motion to reduce road funds (accts 6610 & 6620) to no more than \$120,000.00. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Mayor Stalcup stated that he will file Draft G of the proposed budget with the Village Secretary.

4. 2008 – 2009 Proposed Tourism Budget

Director Charbonneau stated that Draft C has been approved by the Tourism Council and the Village Treasurer Eldon Miller. There were no objections to the proposed budget. Mayor Stalcup will file with the Village Secretary.

5. Presentation by Jim Sewell on Village Lobbyist

Mr. Sewell stated that he is willing to monitor new and upcoming legislation and inform the Board when a piece of legislation that will affect Salado is being considered. Mr. Sewell's fee is \$1.00 per year. Mr. Sewell is willing to do some lobbying for the Village but the contract may need to be renegotiated if that happens. Alderman Strong will be Mr. Sewell's contact.

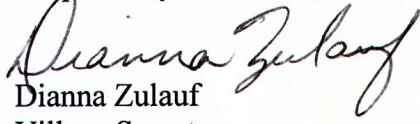
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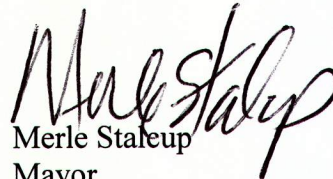
1. Next scheduled Board meeting is August 21, 2008 at 6:30PM.
2. First Public Hearing on 2008 – 2009 Budget is September 4, 2008 at 6:30PM.

Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe, motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,


Dianna Zulauf
Village Secretary


Merle Staleup
Mayor

