

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

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.  
Thursday, October 2, 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 Bojorquez – Village Attorney, Debbie Charbonneau – Tourism Director, citizens: about 35

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

**Citizen Comments:** None

*Alderman Strong made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated September 18th. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters, motion carried unanimously.*

**Report from Tourism Chair:** No Report.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Discussion of Salado Springs

Alderman Cooper stated that he has met with a committee of citizens in an attempt to find a reasonable solution to the on-going controversy of whether to clean out the gravel around the natural springs at the Sirena statue known as Salado Springs. A survey of the area has been done and it has been determined that the property with the springs is not private property. Per a conversation with County Commissioner Tim Brown for all practical purposes the springs are considered public property. It is undetermined if the springs and the property they are located on became the property of the Village upon incorporation. Leon Jessick from Temple, Texas presented a proposal to clean out the gravel about 2' down then place large heavy rocks around the springs that would allow about a 2" x 4' opening for the springs to bubble through. A grate would be placed over the opening to prevent debris from falling in and people from getting stuck in the opening. This would be a permanent fixture. The rocks, grate material, and labor will be donated. Alderman Peters questioned the liability to the city if volunteers do this. To Alderman Pascoe's question of who would maintain the grate area once and if this was done, it was stated by Leon Jessick that volunteers would probably take care of the area. Troy Kelley gave witness to the danger of children playing in the water around the crevice and feels that a rock over the crevice would be sufficient. Mr. Kelley implored the Aldermen to not place the grate over the spring, but keep it natural. James McLoud gave a description of what the springs were like when he was a child. Sharon Romberg, Holland, Texas, likes the grate idea.



Eric Romberg, Holland, Texas, likes the grate idea.

Mason Shumack, 112 Royal Street, read a copy of a letter to Mayor Stalcup from Texas Fish & Wildlife offering their assistance in resolving this matter.

Patricia Shumack, 112 Royal Street, presented a copy of what she called an original plat of Salado. Ms. Shumack does not feel that anyone owns the spring area. She presented a letter from NRCS which talked about grants for items such as this. Ms. Shumack asked the Board to consider putting up a sign cautioning people about the crevice.

Linda Pehoski, 106 Stinnet Mill Rd, asked the Board for clarification on the materials proposed to be used for the grate, the impact of heavy equipment needed to do the project. Ms. Pehoski believes caution signs should be erected.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adopt a Resolution stating that the Village takes no position should citizens want to install a grate anchored by rocks over the springs substantially equivalent to what's been presented this night. Motion was seconded by Alderman Strong; motion carried 3 to 2 with Alderman Walls and Alderman Peters voting against.*

2. Set up Guidelines for any Changes Made to Salado Creek Bed or Stream

Linda Pehoski asked the Board to consider setting up guidelines to help keep better control over creek management and to set up a committee to monitor and manage the springs. No action was taken.

3. Appointment of Tourism Council Chair and Co-Chair

Tourism Director Charbonneau read a motion made by the Tourism Council recommending appointment of John Anderson as Tourism Council Chairman.

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to appoint John Anderson as Tourism Council Chair. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.*

Tourism Director Charbonneau read a motion made by the Tourism Council recommending appointment of Ronnie Tynes as Co-Chair of the Tourism Council.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to appoint Ronnie Tynes as Co-Chairman for the Tourism Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Peters; motion carried unanimously. Both will serve a 1 year term.*

4. Appointment of Tourism Council Member

Tourism Director Charbonneau stated that the Tourism Council is recommending William Shepperd as the new tourism member to serve a 2 year term.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to appoint William Shepperd as the new Tourism Council member. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried unanimously.*

5. Investment Policy Resolution

Mayor Stalcup stated that state law requires the Village to appoint an Investment Officer but does not require cities to have a Treasurer. Mayor Stalcup recommended appointing Alderman Peters as the Village's Investment Officer. Alderman Peters agreed to this.

*Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to adopt a resolution appointing Alderman Peters as temporary Investment Officer for a period not to exceed 6 months and to continue to seek an outside volunteer to appoint as Investment Officer. Motion was seconded by Alderman Walls; motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstention, Alderman Peters.*

(Alderman Peters recused himself from the vote and stepped down from the dais during the vote.)



6. Official Newspaper Appointment Resolution

*Motion was made by Alderman Strong to adopt Resolution No. 061 appointing the Salado Village Voice as the Village's official newspaper and appointing the Temple Daily Telegram as the Village's alternate official newspaper. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe; motion carried unanimously.*

7. Firework Ordinance Amendment

A draft amendment to Ordinance No. 2006.04, Fireworks Ordinance, was presented. The changes are to add the word "possession" throughout the ordinance making it a violation to possess with intent to discharge fireworks, and to update state statute numbers. *Motion was made by Alderman Pascoe to adopt Ordinance No. 2008.23 amending Ordinance No. 2006.04 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cooper; motion carried 3 to 2 with Alderman Peters and Alderman Walls voting against.*

8. Road Maintenance Ordinance

A draft ordinance creating a separate account for road maintenance funds was presented. The ordinance is now not needed. Account funds will be monitored through reports created in the Village's accounting software.

9. Planning & Zoning Recommendation on Subdivision Plat for Brookshire Brothers  
Postponed pending a revised plat by developer.

10. Village Treasurer Position

This position is not legally needed.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:58.

**Executive Session**

1. Personnel Matters – Chief of Police Position, Police Officer Position

Reconvened into Regular Session at 8:14

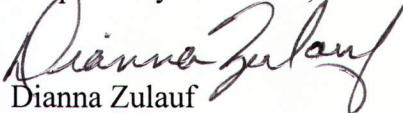
**Announcements:**

1. Next scheduled Board meeting is October 16, 2008 at 6:30PM.

*Motion was made by Alderman Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion was seconded by Alderman Pascoe, motion carried unanimously.*

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dianna Zulauf  
Village Secretary



Merle Stalcup  
Mayor

