

VILLAGE OF SALADO
SALADO MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 N. STAGECOACH - SALADO, TEXAS
REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Skip Blancett.

Mayor Blancett gave the invocation and the Aldermen led the Pledges of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

Board Members Present: Mayor Skip Blancett, Mayor Pro-tem Fred Brown, Andy Jackson, Amber Dankert, and Michael McDougal. Alderman Frank Coachman arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Don Ferguson

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY KEEP SALADO BEAUTIFUL

Mayor Blancett presented proclamations recognizing Keep Salado Beautiful and the Salado Volunteers for their efforts to enhance the quality of life in Salado.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Salado resident Larry Matheson requested the Salado Police Department consider the development of a Citizens on Patrol (“COPS”) crime prevention program.

Local businesswoman K.D. Hill expressed her support for Police Chief Rick Ashe.

Salado ISD Superintendent Michael Novotny introduced Kayla Manning as the Salado ISD Student Representative on the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman McDougal welcome Ms. Manning to the Board, noting she is currently at the top of her senior class at Salado High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF JULY 20, 2017.

Alderman Frank Coachman made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction of a “cut and paste” error on the second page of the minutes. Mayor Pro-tem Fred Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2. STATUS REPORTS

(A) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Blancett reminded board members about the upcoming TxDOT public meeting on the planned sidewalk, bike lane, lighting and parking improvements on Main Street on August 15th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

(B) CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Don Ferguson reported proposals were being sought from consultants for the development of rates and impact fees for the proposed wastewater system. He also reported on the status of the operating permit for the new system.

Ferguson reported that the fund balance of the Village's Hotel Occupancy Tax ("HOT") Fund was approximately \$45,000. He added efforts were underway to collect past due HOT funds from at least two (2) lodging facilities.

(C) POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Rick Ashe briefed board members on police activities in the month of June. He reported that his officers were now using an on-line crash reporting system and that officers have started educating members of the public about the new rules for Pace Park.

Chief Ashe added the Department's surplus patrol car was recently sold at public auction and proceeds from the sale were returned to the Village's General Fund.

(D) FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Village Administrator reported the Fire Chief was on vacation and unable to present his monthly report.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(A) EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE ADVICE REGARDING THREATENED LITIGATION IN RELATION TO THE TERMINATION OF MARY POCHE. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

(B) EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 (A) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, OR TO HEAR A COMPLAINT OR CHARGE AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: POLICE CHIEF. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Mayor Blancett announced the Board would be retiring into Executive Session to discuss Items 3 A and B on the agenda at 7:45 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. with Mayor Blancett indicating no action was taken in Executive Session.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- (A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THREATENED LITIGATION IN RELATION TO THE TERMINATION OF MARY POCHE. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Blancett indicated there would be no action taken on this agenda item.

- (B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATING TO THE POLICE CHIEF. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Following the Executive Session, Alderman Michael McDougal made a motion to direct the Village Administrator to proceed with the matters discussed in Executive Session. Alderman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- (C) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF ON-STREET PARKING ON SALADO PLAZA DRIVE IN SALADO, TEXAS. (VILLAGE OF SALADO STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

Alderman Michael McDougal said the Salado Streets Advisory Committee is recommending the prohibition of on-street parking on Salado Plaza Drive in an attempt to avoid further damage to the roadway by heavy trucks delivering merchandise to businesses at a near-by shopping center. He added the Committee is recommending the future development of a "Truck Route" in the Village to route truck traffic on streets capable of carrying heavier truck traffic.

Salado resident Ted Williamson expressed his support for the Committee's recommendation, noting the extreme weight of some of the trucks traveling through the Village.

Alderman McDougal made the motion to direct staff to prepare and present to the Board for consideration a future meeting an ordinance prohibiting parking on Salado Plaza Drive. Alderman Andy Jackson second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Frank Coachman also asked that work begin on the development of a truck route that could be considered by the Board in the future.

- (D) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING SIRENA FEST COMING UP ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Local businesswoman K.D. Hill briefed board members on plans for the upcoming Sirena Fest on Saturday, October 7, 2017. She said the festival will take place on both sides of Main Street near Royal Street. She said it will take place from 2 to 6 p.m., starting with a small children's parade. Ms. Hill said she is coordinating with the Police Chief to ensure the safety of festival participants. She added liability insurance will be provided through the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Blancett applauded festival organizers their efforts and recognition of the legend of Sirena.

Alderman Amber Dankert made the motion to approve the plans for Sirena Fest and that October 7, 2017 be declared Sirena Fest Day in Salado. Mayor Pro-tem Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- (E) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SALADO HABITAT INITIATIVE AND TEXAN BY NATURE RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HABITAT FOR THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY IN SALADO. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Village Administrator Ferguson briefed board members on the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") that was discussed at length at the July 20, 2017 meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Pro-tem Brown made a motion to approve the MOU. Alderman Dankert seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

- (F) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO. (VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR)

Mayor Blancett said the purpose of the agenda item was to give board members an opportunity to asked for items to be included in the FY 2018 Operating Budget.

Alderman Dankert requested funding be included in the proposed budget for the Bell County Environmental Cooperative.

No other funding requested were made.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Blancett adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Don Ferguson, Village Administrator/
Acting City Secretary

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