Village of Salado Municipal Building 301 North Stagecoach Road Salado, Texas Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen June 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Henry. The meeting was conducted in person and on YouTube.

Mayor Henry gave the Invocation, and the Board of Aldermen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Board Members Present: Mayor Bert Henry, Alderman Zach Hurst, Alderman D. Jasen Graham, and Alderman Michael MacDonald. Board Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Bell

Staff Present: Village Administrator Manual De La Rosa, City Secretary Debra Bean, Police Chief Allen Fields and Marketing and Tourism Manager Deanna Whitson.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Boynton spoke regarding the renting of apartments in Water's Edge before construction is completed and concerns have not been addressed. He feels that none of the items such as guardrails, torn up roads, tires, water runoff, trash and retaining walls have been handled. He also stressed that road projects need to be a priority. He feels promises were not kept.

Mayor Henry requested that a meeting be set up with management of the project.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024, REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING.
- (B) APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORTS AS OF MAY 31, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Graham to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.
- 3. <u>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ANY ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA</u>

 None

4. STATUS REPORTS

(A) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

Mr. De La Rosa reported that sales tax collections representing April of 2024 totaled \$67,012 compared to \$61,572 in 2023 and \$60,084 in 2022. Alderman Graham requested that Mr. De La Rosa explain the types of cities in regards to term limits.

5. <u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u>

- (A) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING WEST AMITY SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 FINAL PLAT.
 - Mr. De La Rosa requested that this item be tabled until a future meeting. Motion by Alderman MacDonald to table Item 5.(A). Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.
- (B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A FINANCIAL ADVISORY CONTRACT WITH SAMCO CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.
 Christina Lane was present to address the contract. Alderman Graham asked Mr. De La Rosa if he had any concerns with the contract. He said the contract was standard and he has no issues with it.

 Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. None were made.
 Motion was made by Alderman Graham to approve a financial advisory contract with Samco Capital Markets, Inc. as written. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.
- (C) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS TO AND CONCERNING CAMPING, AND PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING. Mr. De La Rosa explained this is the second reading of the ordinance. He said anytime there was a request from organizations such as the Scouts of America, he would inform the Board and approve those requests.

 Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. None were made.

 Motion was made by Alderman Hurst to approve Ordinance No. 2024-06 as written. Seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.
- (D) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017.07, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017.07, AND PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Mr. De La Rosa explained that this would replace Ordinance 2017.07 and would set guidelines for enforcing city law and would require compliance with the city permitting process. Fees will run concurrent with the TABC license. City police will have the authority to pull the liquor license if they are not in compliance. Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. None were made. Motion by Alderman Graham to approve Ordinance No. 2024-08 as written. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald. All approved and motion carried by a vote of three in favor, none opposed.

(E) DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES REGARDING PARKING AND ADA ACCOMMODATIONS AND RELATED ISSUES ON BOTH ROYAL STREET AND MAIN STREET, INCLUSIVE OF THE INTERSECTION.

Alderman MacDonald made a presentation regarding parking issues on Royal Street and Main Street and in the area of The Shed restaurant. His concern was road damage, people parking on the sidewalks. He is concerned about ADA compliance. He is asking for a courtesy reminder regarding these issues. Alderman Graham mentioned the fact that they have discussed, in the past, the possibility of a stop sign at Main and Royal but due to the fact that TxDOT controls Main it was not possible without a traffic study. He asked about the status of that study. Mr. De La Rosa said it was not likely to be approved. Alderman Graham asked about the status of the Royal Street Project. Mr. De La Rosa said according to Solomon Thomas with MRB Group, they are 60-80 percent complete on plans for this project. Alderman Graham asked about parking bumpers on Royal Street. Mr. De La Rosa said that would be an expense to the Village. Alderman Graham called on Chief Fields for his suggestion. He said education is the key.

Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. Tim Fleischer gave information on the history of the parking areas that were originally intended for compact cars. He also stated slant parking should be considered. North of Royal was not intended for pull in parking and was designed to be parallel parking. Where business owners put gravel, he said those who park there, blocking the road, should be ticketed.

Linda Reynolds spoke about where the candy store is now, the original intention was for that to be golf cart parking. Now there is a barbeque cart parked there and wheelchairs have to go in the street. She said people are often confused at that intersection.

Alderman Graham requested that Mr. De La Rosa look into putting up signage for compact cars or parallel parking and that cars parking in violation should be ticketed. A cost analysis of installing parking bumpers was also requested.

(F) BUDGET GOALS AND PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

Mr. De La Rosa explained measures being taken currently to correct some of the fee collection processes. More meetings will be held in preparation for the budget process. He also said if the plan was to not build the new facility on someone else's property, then land will need to be purchased. Additional police force also needs to be considered. The server needs to be replaced. He stated we will likely have a town meeting. The appraisals will not be in until mid-July. Mr. De La Rosa has been meeting with Kristi Stegall regarding the budget. Mayor Henry would like to see a Town Hall meeting in July. Alderman Graham would like to see how pending projects are going to impact the budget. Alderman Graham suggested Road Impact Fees should be discussed at the Town Hall Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry called the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved:

Bert Henry, Mayo

Attest:

Debra Bean, City Secretary