

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
July 18, 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, Alderman Michael MacDonald, and Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Bell.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Michels would like an update on Mustang Springs. He would like to have an in-depth conversation regarding his questions and would like to see it on the next meeting agenda.

2. RECOGNITION

(A) PRESENTATION OF LIFESAVING AWARD TO POLICE OFFICER EDWARD FERDIN

Chief Fields presented Officer Ferdin with the Lifesaver Award in honor of his actions on May 24, 2024. This is the second time Officer Ferdin has received this award.

3. PRESENTATION

(A) REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL MAKE MUSIC DAY EVENT

Kathryn Meloy gave a report on the International Make Music Day Event. There were over eighty people in attendance from as far away as New York and Pennsylvania as well as surrounding counties. Mayor Henry presented Mrs. Maloy with a proclamation in honor of her efforts towards this event.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2024, SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING
- (B) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING JUNE 30, 2024
- (C) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR RELEASE FROM VILLAGE OF SALADO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION FROM JANET MAY KENNEDY

BEING A 27.219 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE RHODA COPELAND SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1140, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING A PART OR PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 81.53 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 1975 FROM MRS. R. P. TILLERY AND SON, PRESTON JAMES TILLERY AND HIS WIFE, SUZAN ANN TILLERY TO W. T. FOUNTAIN AND WIFE, MRS. W. T. FOUNTAIN AND BEING OF RECORD IN VOLUME 1346, PAGE 681, DEED RECORDS OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

5. **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ANY ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

6. **STATUS REPORTS**

- (A) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
 - INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY PLANNER, GINA PENCE
Mr. De La Rosa introduced Mrs. Pence. Alderman Graham expressed his appreciation and welcome to Mrs. Pence.
 - SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
Sales tax collections for June representing May 2024 were \$67,450 compared to \$67,257 in June of 2023 and \$66,018 in June of 2022.
- (B) POLICE CHIEF STATUS REPORT
 - CALLS FOR SERVICE
Calls for service were a total of 419, including 9 priority 1 calls.
 - LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM UPDATE
There were 35,715 plate images captured and 84 system alerts.

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Chief Fields explained there are a few areas where cameras could be bypassed. He presented a PowerPoint demonstrating his recommendation for correcting this issue. Chief Fields introduced Officer Manning who just graduated from the academy and has officially gone on patrol. Officer Manning thanked Mayor Henry, Chief Fields, and Sgt. Dunshie for their continued support. Chief Fields informed the Board that Temple PD has donated ten new tasers with holsters, 30 cartridges and extra batteries estimated to be worth about \$20,000 to the Salado PD. Chief Fields said Cadet Trudeau has begun at the academy and was promoted to class leader the first day.

(C) **TOURISM DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- **SALADO MARKETING ACTIVITIES**
- **VISITOR'S CENTER ACTIVITIES**
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Marketing and Tourism Manager Deanna Whitson gave an update on tourism activities including upcoming events which can now be accessed through a QR code. She is working on getting this code posted in hotel rooms and local businesses.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(A) **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AN AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ARMSTRONG, VAUGHAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,900.00.**

Phil Vaughn was present to explain the terms of the engagement letter.

Alderman MacDonald asked about the hourly rate.

Mayor Henry opened the floor for Public Comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Alderman MacDonald to approve the letter as written. Seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

(B) **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO AND BELL COUNTY PERTAINING TO THE SALADO CENTER DEVELOPMENT.**

Mr. De La Rosa explained the purpose of the agreement between the Village and Bell County in regard to a swap of land. Mayor Pro Tem Bell asked about expenses. He also asked if there was a like agreement with Belton and Bell County. Mr. De La Rosa said there was not. Mayor Pro Tem Bell asked if Belton could back out of this agreement after we had incurred costs. Mr. De La Rosa explained that some of this can move forward now. He said everyone is moving forward in good faith.

Mayor Henry opened the floor for Public Comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Alderman Graham to approve the interlocal agreement between the Village of Salado and Bell County pertaining to the Salado Center Development as written. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

- (C) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE CYBER LIABILITY AND DATA BREACH RESPONSE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL. Mr. De La Rosa explained the difference between what we have compared to this new coverage. He stressed that it is important to have cyber coverage. He is recommending adding this coverage. This is for the next fiscal year. Mayor Pro Tem Bell asked about the two-factor authentication. He also pointed out that it is more cost with less coverage. He would like to know what steps are being taken now. Mr. De La Rosa said the new server would help remedy the current situation. Alderman Graham had a question regarding 2 step authentications. Mayor Henry opened the floor for Public Comments. There were none. Motion was made by Alderman Hurst to approve the interlocal agreement as written. Seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.
- (D) DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RATIFYING APPROVAL OF MAYOR BERT HENRY'S NOMINATION TO SERVE AS THE SMALL AND RURAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, AND FISCAL YEAR 2025 TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. Mayor Henry explained the purpose of this committee and that he would like to see more involvement with this. Mr. De La Rosa explained the role the mayor would play in this and how it would help with future funding. Mayor Henry opened the floor for Public Comments. There were none. Motion was made by Alderman MacDonald to approve the nomination. Seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry called the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved:


Bert Henry, Mayor

Attest:


Debra Bean, City Secretary