

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
September 19, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Bell, Alderman Zach Hurst, Alderman Michael MacDonald, and Alderman D. Jasen Graham

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

Public Comments were made by Charles Simmons, Darlene Walsh and Jim Boynton.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- (A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING.
- (B) RATIFY APPROVAL AUTHORIZING SANCTUARY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY TO POST A CASH PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE SALADO SANCTUARY PHASE 1B PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT.
- (C) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024.
- (D) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR RELEASE FROM VILLAGE OF SALADO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION FROM PETITIONER SALADO AIRPORT, LLC, BY DHJH SALADO, LLC, MEMBER OF SALADO AIRPORT, LLC.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

TRACT ONE: 45.76 ACRES OF LAND, BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WM. ROBERTS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 708 AND THE V.R. PALMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 662, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING THE SAME TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FIRST TRACT, SECOND TRACT, AND THIRD TRACT IN A DEED TO SALADO AIRPORT, INC., RECORDED IN VOLUME 1313, PAGE 893, DEED RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.

TRACT TWO: 0.829 ACRE OF LAND, BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE V.R. PALMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 662, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING A PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS THIRD TRACT IN VOLUME 2784, PAGE 127, DEED RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.

TRACT THREE: 0.569 ACRE OF LAND, BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE V.R. PALMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 662, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING A PART OF A 1.86-ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 2682, PAGE 652, DEED RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.

TRACT FOUR: 1.161 ACRES OF LAND, BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.161 ACRES SITUATED IN THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY, ABSTRACT 902, AND THE V.R. PALMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 662, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS TRACT II, IN A DEED TO THE SALADO WATER COMPANY, RECORDED IN VOLUME 2683, PAGE 652, DEED RECORDS OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

TRACT FIVE: 0.706-ACRE OF LAND, BEING ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.706 ACRES, SITUATED IN THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY, ABSTRACT 902 AND THE V.R. PALMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 662, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS TRACT I, IN A DEED TO THE SALADO WATER COMPANY, RECORDED IN VOLUME 2683, PAGE 652, DEED RECORDS OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

- (E) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR RELEASE FROM VILLAGE OF SALADO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION FROM PETITIONERS EAGLE NEST HOLDINGS, LTD., STEPHEN M. CLARKE II, IND. & STEPHEN MONTEITH CLARKE II TRUST.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

BEING A 380.198 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED IN THE ANGUS J. JAMES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 472, THE SARAH MCKIMBS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 544, AND THE CHARLES FORDTRAN SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 331, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 380.198 ACRE TRACT, BEING THE REMAINING PORTION OF THAT CALLED 435.5 ACRE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED IN VOLUME 466, PAGE 519, DEED RECORDS, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, ALL OF THAT CALLED 15 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN "EXHIBIT A", AND ALL OF THAT CALLED 15 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN "EXHIBIT B", RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 2007-00007576, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

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

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

None

4. **STATUS REPORTS**

(A) VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

Sales tax collections representing the month of June of 2024 were \$74,569 which was up from \$64,008 in June of 2023.

Mr. De La Rosa also gave a brief summary of the Planning and Zoning Commission's work on the West Side Overlay.

- UPDATE ON SALADO'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OPTION ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2006

City Planner Pence gave an explanation of how the local ordinances and state law coincide with the election held in 2006.

(B) POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

- CALLS FOR SERVICE

There was a total of 427 calls for service with 27 of them priority 1.

- LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM UPDATE

There were 200,774 plates read with 51 hits on the Hot List.

- DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Updates included a report on the Popsicle Patrol interaction with children in the community, Officer Gatewood instructing at the Temple Police Academy and National Neighborhood Night Out to be held on October 1, 2024.

- (C) TOURISM DEPARTMENT'S REPORT
- SALADO MARKETING ACTIVITIES
 - VISITOR'S CENTER ACTIVITIES
 - UPCOMING EVENTS
- Tourism Director Whitson gave a presentation on recent marketing and visitor center activities as well as a list of upcoming events.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- (A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM THE SALADO HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPPORT OF THE 22 HOUR WALK FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION / 22 FOR VETERANS WALK.
- Parents and students from Salado High School were present to speak in support of participation in this event. Each member of the Board expressed their individual appreciation for their input. Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. There were none. Motion made by Alderman MacDonald to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.
- (B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM JONATHAN REYNOLDS, 126 PACE PARK ROAD, TO BLOCK OFF AN AREA FRONTING FOUR PROPERTIES TO THROUGH TRAFFIC ON HALLOWEEN EVENING FROM 6PM TO 9PM, OCTOBER 31, 2024, FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL JACK O' LANTERN BLAZE, AND FOR THE VILLAGE TO PROVIDE THE BARRICADES.
- Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. There were none. Motion made by Alderman Graham to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.
- (C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN'S REVIEW, MEASURES, COLLECTION OF DATA, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS.
- At the recommendation of Mr. De La Rosa, no action was taken on this item.
- (D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DIGITAL BILLBOARD CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH PRIMARY MEDIA OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 13, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, ON A BILLBOARD LOCATED ON I-35, IN THE WORLD FAMOUS SLOVACEK'S PARKING LOT IN WEST, TEXAS.
- Mr. De La Rosa recommended not renewing this contract. He recommended a location closer to the Village. Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. There were none. Motion made by Alderman Graham to not renew the contract. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

(E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Mr. De La Rosa and Mayor Henry both explained that this was typical of a year end budget closing in a municipality.

Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. There were none.

Motion made by Alderman Graham to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

(F) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-12-A, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12 WHICH SET A PROPERTY (AD VALOREM) TAX RATE; APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVY OF \$0.39470 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR TO SUPPORT FUND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF SALADO; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DISABLED OR 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO ASSESSOR; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. De La Rosa explained this item was needed to correct an error on the original ordinance.

Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. There were none.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve the request as presented. 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 8:12 p.m.

Approved:



Bert Henry, Mayor

Attest:



Debra Bean, City Secretary