

**Village of Salado Municipal Building
301 North Stagecoach Road
Salado, Texas
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Aldermen
November 21, 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 Manuel 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 James Frenna and Charles Simmons.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

(A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024, REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

(B) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR RELEASE FROM EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 42 FROM JAMI ANNE THOMPSON, AS INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES KIRBY MOHLER, II.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THAT CERTAIN 62.573-ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE ERASMUS BREW SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 61 SITUATED IN BELL COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING THE SAME TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED AS 62.564 ACRES FROM WILLIAM B. PIPES AND GLENN HODGE TO JAMES K. MOHLER, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS (OPRBC).

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. 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 from October 2024 representing the month of August were \$81,489. Additional discussion during this report included Alderman Graham inquiring about the timeline for renewal of the village administrator's contract, Mayor Henry inquired about the Salano Ranch survey, and Mayor Pro Tem Bell requested additional information at a future meeting regarding wastewater billing.

Regular meeting recessed at 6:58 pm.
Public Hearing reconvened at 6:58pm

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- (A) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF THE MUSTANG SPRINGS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 372 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

(This public hearing was convened on October 3, 2024, and the matter is in recess and will continue November 21, 2024)

Public comments were made by Linda Reynolds and Larry Michels. No action was taken.

The Public Hearing recessed at 7:03pm.

Entered the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting at 7:03pm. Reconvened Regular Meeting at 7:12pm

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Moved to Item 6.F.

- (A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, TO ESTABLISH CHILD SAFETY ZONES AND DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS; AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.
- Mayor Henry called for public comments. There were none. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve the ordinance as written. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

- (B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-25, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, TO ESTABLISH A COVERED APPLICATIONS AND PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY POLICY; AND INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell questioned how the village plans to monitor the situation. Mr. De La Rosa explained that the village will be working with the technology company to put a system in place for monitoring. Mayor Henry called for public comments. There were none.

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

- (C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION NUMBER R2024-07, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A BOND COUNSEL ON A CONTINGENCY FEE BASIS, AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR BERT HENRY EXECUTE THE ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

Gregory Miller was present to answer questions and gave a description of his experience in handling bonds. Mayor Henry called for public comments.

There were none. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve the resolution as written. Seconded by Alderman Graham. An individual vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

- (D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DENY THE PETITION FOR RELEASE FROM THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION FROM W. BLAIR WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF FUN VALLEY, LTD, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAPTER 42, SPECIFICALLY, FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 42.103.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING A 55.017-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED IN THE G.F. LANKFORD SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 510, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS; SAID 55.017-ACRE TRACT, BEING A PORTION OF THAT CALLED 219.264-ACRE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 2016-00019724, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mr. De La Rosa explained that not all of the criteria were met for approval and recommended that the petition be denied. Mayor Henry called for public comments. There were none. Motion was made by Alderman Hurst to approve the denial of the petition. Seconded by Alderman Graham. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

- (E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WEST AMITY GAS STATION FINAL PLAT, LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, AT WEST AMITY ROAD AT FM 1670.

Mr. De La Rosa stated that all of the standards have been met and recommended approval of the plat. Mayor Henry called for public comments. There were none. Motion was made by Alderman Graham to approve the plat 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 TO APPROVE AMENDING PLAT OF MILL CREEK SPRINGS, PHASE IV AMENDED, LOT 1 & 2, BLOCK 1, LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF SALADO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

Mayor Henry called for Public Comments. There were none. Motion was made by Alderman Graham to approve the amending plat as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bell. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

Returned to Item 6.A.

- (G) DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2024.

Mr. De La Rosa explained that the revenue stream has been slow. Alderman Graham questioned the reason for the training and travel budget deficit. Mr. De La Rosa explained that was due to training and education of newly elected officials. Mayor Henry called for public comments. There were none. Motion was made by Alderman Graham to accept the financial report ending October 31, 2024. Seconded by Alderman Hurst. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

- (H) DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2025 VILLAGE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Mr. De La Rosa explained that the 2024 holiday work schedule did not coincide with the Employee Handbook. Mayor Henry called for public comments. There were none. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bell to approve the January holidays and amend the personnel policy to reflect current holidays. Seconded by Alderman MacDonald. All approved and motion carried by a vote of four in favor, none opposed.

Moved to Executive Session at 7:56 pm.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (A) CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.072 REGARDING THE PROPOSED MUSTANG SPRINGS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Reconvened in Open Session at 8:21 pm

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 7(A).
No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry called the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Approved:



Bert Henry, Mayor

Attest:



Debra Bean, City Secretary