



CITY OF SALTILLO

Board Meeting and Public Hearing Notes October 6, 2021

The Saltillo Board of Alderman met October 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall for the regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lowery, followed by the pledge of allegiance, invocation was given by Alderman Billings. In attendance were Mayor Lowery and Aldermen Billings, Mainord and Morgan, Alderman Reeves and Mooney were absent. The minutes were read with a motion to approve from Alderman Mainord, second motion by Alderman Morgan, the minutes were approved as read. The mayor and board were provided with a copy of the expense and revenue report for September 2021.

Old Business

1. Harvest Festival-Alderman Mainord broached the possibility of having an outdoor Fall Festival Event. Activities will include an around the town poker run, cornhole tournament, hayride, activities for the children and a dance. Alderman Morgan agreed and Alderman Billings agreed that any outdoor type activity should be pursued at this time. Alderman Mainord will provide an estimated cost for the event to Mayor Lowery. The tentative date for the event is October 23rd.
2. Website-Salttillo's website went live on October 1st. Funding for the site will come from the increase in traffic citations. Venida will post updates to minutes, ordinances and resolutions as approved.
3. Alleyway behind Lilly's by the River. The Planning Commission will leave this area in the care of the property owners. All Board members agreed.
4. Dwellings on Saltillo Road-Mayor Lowery has received a copy of the Chester County zoning ordinance, general discussion was held regarding a signed petition to take to the Hardin County meeting.
5. Siren Grant-Alderman Billings advised that now is the time to review the siren system. Mayor Lowery advised that we are waiting to hear if Saltillo's grant request has been approved.

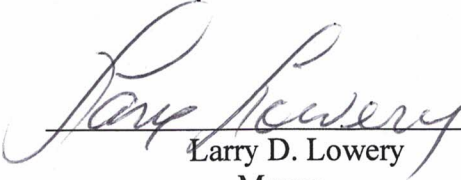
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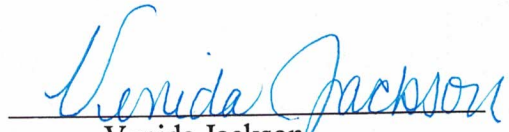
1. Employee Handbook-Venida has completed the Employee Handbook which will distributed to Board members during the November meeting.
2. 2022 Heritage Festival-Mike Fields will need volunteers to help with this event. Currently all spaces for the event are booked. The event will be held the 8th -10th with the 8th designated for local school trips and ending with a colonial church service on the 10th.
3. Alderman Vacancy-Alderman Mooney has resigned. A motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 declaring a vacancy for this position was may by Alderman Billings, second motion by Alderman Morgan. The motion passed. Venida will post the vacancy in The Courier for two weeks.
4. Veterans Day-Alderman Morgan asked the board to approve a Veteran's Chili Luncheon on Veteran's Day. This event will be free to our citizens with volunteers providing donations. There were no objections by the board.
5. Overgrown properties-Alderman Morgan advised several properties around Saltillo are unkempt, a general discussion ensued. Chief Young is currently working on 4 properties for clean up. Mayor Lowery advised Chief Young is working on a case by case .



With current business discussions complete, the meeting was open to comments from citizens. A general discussion was held regarding services and the need for property taxes, Mayor Lowery advised that in the past, we have operated with fund raisers and various events to supplement the General Fund. Discussion of insurance, planning and other costs were discussed with an emphasis on lack of equipment and manpower. Salaries of personnel were also discussed along with infrastructure costs. Requests from citizens included the need for street signs, litter pickup, tree trimming and street lights.

With no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Billings and seconded by Alderman Morgan to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Lowery.


Larry D. Lowery
Mayor


Venida Jackson
City Recorder