



**TOWN OF SALTILLO
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN**

AGENDA
Tuesday, April 2, 2024
6:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comments
- Old Business
 - Police Equipment Body Camera/Taser
- New Business
 - 30 Year Lease for Saltillo Landing
 - System Wide Park Plan
 - 2024-2025 Budget Discussion and Worksheet
 - Recommendation for Police Officer Candidate
- Mayor's Report
- Financial Report
- Aldermen's Reports
- Departmental Reports
- Adjournment

*****See the Town of Saltillo Public Comments Policy*****



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Board Meeting and Public Hearing Notes March 5, 2024

The Saltillo Board of Alderman met Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall for the regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Billings. Alderman Carter, Wood, Reeves and Mainord were present, Alderman Morgan was absent, a quorum was met. Invocation was given by Alderman Reeves followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A motion to approve the Minutes from February, 2024 was made by Alderman Reeves with a second motion by Alderman Carter. The minutes were approved as read with all Alderman in attendance voting yes.

Public Comments

- Tammy Ramey-Food Trucks-Ms. Ramey is a resident of Decatur County who owns Clara Belles Food Truck. Ms. Ramey advised she sets up her food truck at the old filing station on Hwy 69. She advised she brings people to our community and charging a fee for her to operate in Saltillo will be a cost she would have to pass on to her customers.

Old Business

- Approve Salary Increase Chief Graves and Police Officer-a general discussion ensued regarding hours worked by the chief and officer, GHSO funding being increased from \$5000 to \$10,000 per year which offsets costs of patrol and safety issues. A motion to approve a salary increase to \$19 per hour for Chief Graves and an increase of \$18 per hour for a police officer was made by Alderman Wood, a second motion was made by Alderman Mainord. The motion passed with all Alderman in attendance voting yes.
- Food Truck Ordinance-Alderman Mainord requested to have Ordinance 2023-08 removed from the Agenda.
- Request of Police Equipment (taser and body cams)-This purchase is a sole source item. Mayor Billings reiterated the body cam failure during a recent critical incident. A motion to accept the bid and proceed with purchase of taser and body cam at \$3116 per year for 60 months, totalling \$15,580.00 was made by Alderman Wood, a second motion by Alderman Carter. The motion passed with all Alderman in attendance voting yes.

New Business

- Lease for Saltillo Landing TWRA tabled until the April 2, 2024 meeting.

Mayor's Report

- A petition was presented by Rickie Withers addressing property which he feels violates the Saltillo Slum Ordinance. Mayor Billings asked Mr. Withers to clarify which property the petition refers to as there was no indication on the petition. The property in question is located on Hwy 69, Mayor



Billings advised that section 06-02-01 refers to structures and not the general appearance of a property which might be addressed i.e. height of grass, etc. The ADA has been consulted about the signage at that location and advised that the property owner were within their rights under Freedom of Speech.

- 2024-2025 Budget Worksheet-provided to the Board of Alderman prior to budget planning.
- TN RiverLine-Salttillo was awarded the opportunity to move to Phase II. A \$40,000 grant with a 50% match will allow us to use an in kind donation and will not be a liability to our residents.
- System Wide Park System Plan-the draft will be released to the Alderman on 3/11/24, posted to website on 3/12/24 with a planning meeting to follow on 3/19/24 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Financial Report

Account Balances totalled \$306,681.03

The Mayor and Board of Alderman were provided with the expenditure and revenue reports for February 2024.

Alderman Report

- Alderman Mainord discussed cleanup at the Downtown location, the wood on the gazebo needs to be replaced and/or covered.
- Main Street Tennessee-Alderman Morgan is over this committee, anyone who is willing to volunteer may contact Ms. Morgan.
- Alderman Mainord asked to revisit Ordinance 2023-08, which failed as written. Mayor Billings provided additional clarification regarding food trucks and requirements.


Departmental Reports

- Fire Department-The Cajun Boil netted a net profit of \$931. Chief Bruce has recruited 2 additional auxiliary members and 2 junior members. The Fire Department responded to 3 calls the previous month. Chief Bruce also announced Movie Night, Spring Thaw Car Show and Fishing Tournament as their next fundraisers.

Additional Comments/Concerns

Mayor Billings advised that Police & Fire Services are vital to our community.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Wood, with a second motion by Alderman Carter. The meeting was adjourned.



Greg Billings
Mayor



Venida Jackson
Recorder

