

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Eva.

The Mayor and Councilmen Jerry Mobley, Terrell Livingston, Jimmy Mosteller and Donald Ray Morgan met at a regular meeting on August 10, 1978, at 7 p.m.

Minutes of the July 13 meeting were read and were approved after the deletion of the words "+ check for \$186.10 from Howlett Oil Co." following the report of the Gas Fund balance of \$55.86. This transitory check was deposited in the general fund.

A financial report was given as follows:

General Fund	\$1688.71
Revenue Sharing Fund	497.76
Gas Tax Fund	37.80
Volunteer Fire Dept.	430.43

The status of Town Hall work was given as follows: The Perc test has been completed; test results will be handcarried by Jerry Mobley to the Health Department to obtain a permit. He will then get the permit to Coy Frost so that work on installation of the bathroom can begin as soon as possible.

The Mayor called on visitors Mr. and Mrs. Cois Woodard to report on what they wishes to say to the Council. Mrs. Woodard made special emphasis that their visit was not to issue any complaints, but merely to state that the article that had appeared in the August 5 Decatur Daily did not give a total picture of the so-called nightly gathering in Eva. (A copy of the article is attached for the record.) She stated that reporter Wahl must have talked to only one or two of the boys because some of the boys have been using the roof of the building she owns for their gatherings. She stated that the old damaged roof was now leaking heavily in the Livingston's Sur-Save store and that the contractor she had hired to re-roof the building said that this was caused from the bottles that had been thrown on the roof, and the boys getting on the roof. The contractor would not attempt to do the work until she had cleared the roof of the litter, which amounted to two full garbage bags of bottles and cans. She further stated that the new roof, costing an estimated \$6000, would not be guaranteed by the contractor if the building continues to be abused as it has been. Mayor Ryan stated that the judge will not go along with closing down the whole town at 10 p.m., but that he did say that a curfew could be placed on property belonging to individuals. The Mayor, in behalf of the Council, told Mr. and Mrs. Woodard that if the problems get worse, that we will see what can be done about it. Mrs. Woodard indicated that she might try putting out some trash cans to see if the boys would use them.

Mr. Woodard invited attendees of the Council Meeting to an Open House at Wolverine in Decatur, on their 25th anniversary. The Open House is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, 1978, at 3 p.m.

Jerry Mobley began a discussion on what we could do to incite pride in the community and to help keep the city clean. He recommended that we get someone with a weedeater to clean up around the signs in the middle of Eva, and around the vacant building on the corner. A visitor to the meeting, Jimmy Mauldin, said that he would take care of this. Donald Ray Morgan and Terrell Livingston were asked to see about getting someone to pick up the bottles and glass around the vacant building, after which Donald Ray will bushhog.

Jerry Mobley brought up the business of looking for a good piece of property for a park, stating that Trinity is getting a grant of \$87,500 from the state for a park. They will have to match this amount, of course. However, donated labor and machinery can be counted in this fund-matching. The Mayor reminded Councilmen to be looking around for such a piece of property. He stated that we need such a thing now, with a building to accommodate the Senior Citizens. He mentioned that the County Commission on Aging has funds allocated for this area for a Senior Citizens Center if we only had a place for them to meet. He said that contacts had been made recently to some individuals in the city by Mrs. Ethel Phillips, but that neither he nor any of the councilmen had been contacted. Decision was made to invite Mrs. Phillips, or a member of the County Commission on Aging, to make a presentation at the next Council Meeting, scheduled for September 14. Bonnie Holmes will contact Mrs. Phillips to invite her to said meeting.

The Mayor read a letter from the Chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation in Las Vegas concerning the forthcoming Jerry Lewis Telethon. The MD Telethon Proclamation was read in the council meeting.

The Mayor reported that the Revenue Sharing Form RS-901 for the Town of Eva had been filled out and sent in. He gave the acknowledgement letter from the Washington Office of Revenue Sharing to the clerk for filing.

The Mayor read to the Council the letter from Mr. Willis of the Ingle Insurance Agency stating that the broad general liability coverage for the Town of Eva will run the minimum premium of \$250.00. After discussion, it was decided to ask Mr. Willis if he could send us a copy of such a policy to read before issuing the policy. If he cannot, then the matter should be held in abeyance until further contact from us. In the meantime, Mayor Ryan will try to talk to Julian Harris, the County lawyer, to see if he can give us some advice.

Mayor Ryan told the Council that he had asked John Smith to go to the County Association in Somerville to submit our request for the 1979 \$2000 matching funds for the Volunteer Fire Department.

The Mayor reported that John Apel will have the three <sup>damaged</sup> fire hydrants repaired on Monday, and will then submit a bill to the City for the fire hydrants. After a discussion on matching funds, the Mayor stated that he would take the figures back to the bank and have them refigured.

Jerry Mobley reported that the three plaques had been obtained--one each to be presented to the families of Romer Lee Livingston and Claud Patton, Councilmen who died while in office, and a third one to be hung in City Hall commemorating the charter members of the Eva City Council--R. L. Livingston, Claud Patton, L. G. McDonald, L. E. Oden and Mitchell Hipps. Jerry made a motion that the families be invited to the next Council Meeting, as well as the surviving charter members and their families. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Mosteller. Bonnie Holmes will invite the people; Jerry Mobley will furnish refreshments.

It was discussed about getting the airconditioner installed in City Hall as soon as possible, and to check into getting a telephone installed. Donald Ray Morgan said that the phone installation cost would be \$39.50 and monthly bill would be \$41.

The Following bills were presented to be paid: Electricity, insurance premium on fire tract, survey for Perc Test and bill for plaques. Terrell Livingston made a motion that these bills be paid; Jimmy Mosteller seconded it.

Bonnie Holmes reported that the City books have been brought up to date and are ready for audit. Terrell Livingston made a motion that the books be turned over for audit; it was seconded by Jerry Mobley. Bonnie Holmes will check with J. D. Harper, an accountant, about auditing the city books.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.



Bonnie Holmes, Clerk

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