

Minutes of the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Eva held in regular session February 8, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. Present were the Mayor, and the following members of the Council: Chairman Mobley, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Page.

Minutes of the January 11, 1979 meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given. A copy is attached for the record as approved and accepted by the Council.

The Mayor introduced a visitor from NARCOG, Mr. Ronnie Gullatt, who reported to the Council about some grant money available from Washington for an area-wide action program on helping with special needs. Mr. Gullatt is checking with the various communities in the area to identify needs and projects. He stated that the ARC is the first major federal agency to give local governments an opportunity to express themselves as to needs and problems in their jurisdiction. He said that they have entered into a working agreement now, and that it may be up to two years before everything is ready, but he wants to identify needs and hope that the funds will be forthcoming from ARC. After some discussion, Mr. Gullatt was told that Eva's needs, according to priority would be (first) Recreation and (second) Law Enforcement.

A second item presented by Mr. Gullatt was on Rural Housing Site Loans. Mr James Roberts of FHA, 4th Floor of City Hall in Decatur, asked him to tell the Council about this new program for site development for small subdivisions, etc. Mr. Gullatt briefly explained the program and left a copy of the information for each Council Member. A copy is attached for the Record.

Further discussion took place about Town of Eva long range plans for acquiring land and building a facility to house different community activities, and recreation facilities for all ages. Mr. Gullatt explained that we could get a grant for acquisition of the land, a 50-50 deal for the appraised value, and get another grant when we were ready to develop the property. Donated materials and labor count toward the Town's half of funds.

The Mayor reported that the five persons enrolled in the EMT Course at Wallace Community College were Kermit Morris, Wendell Bennett, Steve Childers, Gary Driver & Ray Cheatham.

Bonnie Holmes gave a report on privilege licenses issued so far for 1979, which totals about 38. Many paid delinquent taxes for last year. She also reported that the books for all four accounts have been audited by J. D. Harper, Accountant, with no discrepancies. The Mayor asked that Mr. Harper send a letter to the Mayor and Council to this effect, and to include any suggestions he might have as to how to improve our bookkeeping procedures.

The Mayor reported that the grand opening last Monday of the Senior Citizens Center was a success. He passed around a copy of the contract with NARCOG that he had signed, stating that we had more responsibilities in this than we had anticipated; that we had been somewhat misinformed in the beginning. He stated that he is pleased with the way things are going since attendance is good and there seems to be so much interest by the citizens.

He asked the Council to be thinking about insurance coverage of the Council Members, including the Town Clerk; to be further discussed at a forthcoming meeting.

The Mayor told about an inquiry he had from military service on Frederick Shane Montgomery-- as to whether he had a police record here. The Clerk will send the form in with a notation that since the Town of Eva has no police department, they should contact the Morgan County Sheriff's office at the Court House in Decatur.

Mr. Mobley offered the motion that the Clerk be authorized to pay the rent ^{for Saddle Club Bldg.} to Birlen Childers in the amount of \$50 monthly on the first day of each month without being brought before the Council; seconded by Mr. Page. Motion carried.

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Discussion followed that we need some money in the Volunteer Fire Department account. Other bills presented for payment were:

Gas for Senior Citizens Center for \$52.50 and 30.75; total	\$83.25
Gas for Volunteer Fire Department \$82 and \$82; total	166.00
Labor by Nails Garage on fire truck	5.00
Dues to Morgan Co. Rural Fire Department Association	10.00
Insurance on new fire truck	221.80
Dues to North Alabama Mayor's Association	100.00
Town Hall Phone Bill	40.30
Town Hall Water Bill	5.72
Clerk's Salary for January (after deductions)	120.07

Mr. Page offered the motion to transfer \$500 from the General Fund to the Volunteer Fire Department Fund, and to pay all the other bills as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Mobley; motion carried.

The Mayor and Council passed Ordinance 79-1 declaring the policy of the Town of Eva to cover the Clerk under Social Security, with specified amount being deducted from the Clerk's salary.

There being no further business, Mr. Page offered the motion that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Mobley.


Bonnie Holmes, Clerk

*Approved 3-9-79.
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