

Minutes of Meeting of Eva Town Council held in regular session on April 14, 1983, 7 p.m., attended by Mayor Ryan and Councilmen Hipps, Nichols and Morgan. Dwight Childers was a visitor. Minutes of the March 10 regular meeting and the March 17 Call meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor introduced Dwight Childers who is operating the small sewing factory in Eva's shopping center, and asked Dwight to explain to the council what he is doing and what he would like for the council to do. Dwight said that his factory has 5 machines; 4 in operation. They make a disposable garment used in hospitals and factories. This garment is a coverall with a zipper and collar, ~~boots and hood~~. He said that it is used in hazardous chemical spills and that kind of thing. He gets his work from an organization named Lownes which is based in New York and has places around, such as in Decatur and Guntersville. He said that he deals with a man in Guntersville who has told him that he has more work to give to him if he could take care of it. Dwight said what he wants to do is to expand. He wanted to know if the council could help him in getting a building because he would like to keep the industry in Eva. He has some property at Oden Ridge and has considered putting up a building on it, a 25x40' building with 1050 sq. ft. of space. But if he invests all his capital he won't have much with which to buy the machines he needs to diversify his business. They are at a peak period right now, but orders taper off in about August and picks up again in the spring. If he had the extra machines geared up to run accessories and other items, he could keep things going without having to let people go when coverall peak season tapers off. He pays minimum wage in beginning, but when the employee makes production, they can make \$4 and \$5 an hour. He runs 110 motors; best way to run a larger operation like what he is wanting is to put a feed breaker system in where they can move machines together for special jobs. He needs to know something within 30; no later than 45 days. The Mayor told Dwight that we need some time to discuss this and to check into what might be available and what the Town might be able to do; then have a call meeting. After Dwight was excused from the meeting, the Council discussed what benefits the Town would derive from such a venture, such as employing more of its people, tax dollars that would be coming back into the Town from gasoline, food, etc., purchased by employees, etc.

Old business:

Mayor reported that there wasn't any old business to be brought up since most action items have been taken care of and most of the items authorized for the Vol. Fire Dept. have come in.

New business:

- 1-The Mayor told about a question that arose about the property lines. In order to avoid further controversy, we had the Town Hall property surveyed again. This was discussed among some of the council members before arranging Williams Surveying to do the job to be sure there were no discrepancies, and had them to put cornerstones up. The Mayor recommended that the Council not get into any squabbles about the property lines; that we have had it surveyed and that if this is not agreeable with the adjoining property owners, then they must have their surveyed.
- 2-The Mayor reported that Sheriff Burgess will be at the Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday and asked that if any of the Council Members could be present, to try to go up there around 10:30 or 10:45 Wednesday to see what he has to say.
- 3-The Mayor stated that he has been asked several times about whether or not the City will pay for the second kindergarten teacher again next year at Eva. No decision was made in the matter. He said that if any of the Council members happen to talk to any of the school trustees, tell them we would like to have their request, in priority order, of what they would like to have the Town of Eva do in support of the school.

- 4-He brought up the matter of the difference in what we have been paying Petrolane versus Cal-Gas. While Petrolane has been charging 80, 82 and 86.9¢ a gallon at the Senior Citizens Center, Cal-Gas has been charging 71, 74 and 77¢ at the Volunteer Fire Department. He recommended that we take a look at this and decide whether we want to have the tank changed out at the Center and use Cal-Gas if Petrolane continues to charge these higher prices.
- 5-In going through the mail, the Mayor read from a letter the Town received from the President of the Hartselle Jaycees about establishing a chapter at Eva. He wanted the names and addresses of several young men in Eva. The Mayor asked the Clerk to prepare the list and send it to him.
- 6-Now that the other trailer has been attached at the Health Clinic, we need to let the Hartselle Medical Center know, and see whether we should get the architect out again to re-draw the plans since the dimensions of the trailer are different from what we had given to him previously and then approved by the State. Also, we need to get the exact measurements of the X-Ray room walls so that Jerry can order the lead paneling. The Clerk will call Marsha Aldridge about the trailer and the architect.
- 7-Mr. Millwood said that we owe him for one mowing and wants to know whether the Council wants him to keep the yards mowed as before @ \$12.50 per mowing. Council voted to do so.
- 8-The Mayor pointed out to the Council that the last donation we made to the County Sheriff Dept.'s Narcotic Fund was in January 82 when we gave them \$200. Motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded Mr. Nichols to send them \$225. Motion carried.
- 9-Bills presented for payment were the following:
- General Fund: 2 water bills @ \$7.80 = \$15.60; net phone bill \$40.56; Petrolane \$320.00; Williams Surveying \$180; AGS Mobile Home Movers \$1,000; Miscellaneous office supplies \$5.55; Clerk's salary for March \$129.01; Kindergarten teacher salary for April \$1,141.59; Electric bills-Town Hall \$27.25; Senior Citizens Center \$69.24, which totals \$3,153.80.
- Volunteer Fire Dept:
- Biddall Chemicals for weed control \$357.79; Bracket for red truck to replace a broken one \$64.20; servicing white truck \$83.96; pipe and fittings for white truck \$10; 6-mos. premium on 1964 white truck \$58.80; 75 ft. of heavy duty water hose for washdowns \$27.40; totaling \$602.15.
- Gasoline tax fund: Street lights \$125.91.
- Clerk mentioned that in order to pay all the bills due out of general fund, we will need to transfer \$2600 from the Money Market Account. Motion was made by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Hipps that we make that transfer and pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Nichols offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Hipps that the meeting be adjourned.

Bonnie Holmes, Clerk

Approved: 5-12-83