

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on April 8, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: C. C. Mosteller, James Fowler, Clarence Alexander, Larry Smith, Bert Collins, and late arrival, Mayor Livingston. After roll call, Mr. Mosteller opened with prayer.

After reading minutes of March 11, Mr. Fowler made motion to approve, Mr. Alexander second, carried. After reading minutes of called meeting April 2, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve, Mr. Collins second, carried.

FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

No finance report was given. Mr. Mosteller asked status of replacing roof at Library. Mayor has discussed with Leon Brown but Mr. Brown advised that he had forgotten it but would be on it as soon as possible.

Upon arrival of guest, Mrs. Eloise Livingston of Library Board, advised council that she has looked at a color sample for roof. She ask council to please try and attend some of the classes being given at library on "The American Girl" theme. Also she ask that they try to attend the tea party given by the students. In addition, the library is issuing many new library cards due to many students from Brewer working on research papers.

Also, as Chairman of Eva Medical Clinic Board, Mrs. Livingston reported that they had hoped to obtain a nurse practitioner for Eva Medical Office after the litigation in the present building. Cullman Regional Hospital is not interested in placing a nurse practitioner at Eva since there are new clinics in surrounding area in operation. Since a doctor is very hard to find, she ask if there is a target date set or a deadline for the new doctors clinic? Mayor advised that council is very close to a beginning of the clinic. Mrs. Livingston also added that the medical board started off to fast in search of a doctor therefore the Cullman Regional Hospital does not want to search again unless there is a date to work toward. Mayor advised there is no target date for the clinic but an attorney is reviewing an ordinance for adopting the one-cent sales tax for additional revenue.

Mr. Mosteller ask Mrs. Livingston if the bake/book sale was successful? She advised that it was with lots of assistance from Friends of the Library, however, more volunteers are needed for the library since it takes two people sometimes during open hours. She will get a written report on receipts from the sale for the council.

UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that the water bill for town hall was excessive and clerk had ask him to check for leaks. Since there was no indication of leaks and the water meter hand was not moving, there were no leaks. After talking with Randy Britt, Office Manager for Cullman Water Department, he advised that the department has had many problems such as meter readers (employees) were only estimating usage for some time. When the meter was actually read, then some bills were much higher than normal. Mr. Alexander also advised that water department has had many problems as discussed in previous council meetings. Discussing the matter with water department is pointless.

STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER

Mr. Fowler reported that the ball park is looking good with all the work being done. The fencing should help keep people from the concession stand. Mr. Fowler asked Mayor if anything done on the turn lane at Foodland. Mayor advised that Don Stisher, County Commissioner Dist. #3, has agreed to assist but would need a traffic count. In the past, Mr. Sumerford, advised town to get a contractor for the project. Mr. Fowler also ask if county can assist with cutting road banks? Mayor stated he did not know how much mowing will be done.

Mayor advised council that the logging truck is no longer using Murphree Road. Some of the corners of pavement are broken. Don Stisher stated that county has no way of checking weight on trucks. The worst area of broken pavement is in front of Jim Lowe' house.

Mayor advised council that Jean Deese has submitted a check for \$11,000 to apply to cost of road improvement on Edgewood Street. League attorney, Joseph Kettler, advised Mayor on this matter. Also received from Mr. Deese an agreement and a deed for the new portion of Edgewood Street. Council agreed to accept this portion but not the cul-de-sac. After discussion, Mayor will have the deed and agreement reviewed for content.

POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH

Mr. Smith advised that the fireman are now clearing grass and weeds from around fire hydrants trying to get ahead of the growth. He reported there are many break-ins such as a vehicle stolen and lawnmower and mailboxes have been knocked down. More deputies have been assigned to the area. He added that Sheriff Crabb will have the inmates out to clean up. Mayor advised Mr. Smith that cost for radios for fire department is \$599.00 each or total around \$7100.00.

RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins advised that two loads of small gravel is needed for the park. He added that the sewer is bubbling again by The Picket Fence Florist, owned by G. C. Childers. Mrs. Duskin, tenant, has discussed this with Mr. Childers and he stated that he hoped it would solve the problem when the upstairs beauty shop moved out. Mayor will discuss with Mr. Childers.

Mr. Collins has discussed with Steve Cobb cost to install the fence at the park. Mr. Cobb advised that he only had \$250.00 toward the project. Ricky Wallace agreed to pay \$250.00 also, therefore the town would have to pay \$1000.00 for remaining cost. Mr. Collins added that equipment will be needed to remove more brush before the fence can be installed. After discussion on cost, Mayor will verify with Darrell Haga on fencing.

Mr. Collins stated that the flowerbed by the Wagon Wheel Restaurant has grown up. He ask Mr. White, owner, about clean-up. Mr. White stated that Eva Art Guild agreed to clean up, if not he would concrete the area.

Mr. Collins gave a layout of the ball park to Perry Holmes to prepare a drawing that can be used for any work needed to be done in the park or if anyone wants to donate items, trees, etc., a layout will be available.

NO REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NO HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPLCS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNC. ETC.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

After reviewing and discussing expenses, Mr. Fowler made motion to pay bills, Mr. Mosteller second, carried. Mr. Collins made motion to transfer funds from general fund account to GTF \$.07 to pay bills, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor reported that EMA is making a layout of Eva for a siren in the town. Mayor also reported that a program for loss control must be adopted as required by AMIC on liability insurance by April 16. Mayor will call a meeting for that purpose.

Mayor advised that he asked Joseph Kettler, league attorney, how the town could purchase property at an auction. Since property is needed for a future sewer plant, it would be profitable for the town to purchase land if it was available. Mr. Kettler advised that council can approve the least amount and the maximum amount to purchase land at an auction. Once that price is set by council, purchase price can not go over that amount. Larry Smith advised he will contact Mark Gonzalez, consultant for sewer projects, for advise on the right location for a sewer plant.

Mr. Collins made motion to adjourn, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Approved

5/12/97

Attest:

Eva Town Clerk