

Minutes of the called meeting of the Eva Town Council held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 2:00 P.M.
Present: Mayor Livingston, Clarence Alexander, James Fowler, Bert Collins, Larry Smith, and late arrival C. C. Mosteller.

Guests present: Johnny Johnson, Jim Barr, Bill Nugent, and June Grisham of Johnson Emu, Inc. Charles Cox, Consultant and Betty Loftin, Grant Consultant were also present.

After roll call, Mayor advised that Johnson Emu, Inc. Plans to complete the Emu processing plant and committed to creating 200 jobs within one year and retaining the existing 32 jobs. The newly created jobs will comply with the national objective of 51% being for the low and moderate income community. He advised that financial assistance is needed to complete this industry. Loans are available from Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for Economic Development. This loan can only be approved through city or county governments for industry. Mayor then advised that council must adopt a resolution approving the application process. He introduced Betty Loftin, Grant Consultant for ADECA to explain and answer all questions concerning the resolution and loan.

Mrs. Loftin advised that the resolution is needed as the first step approving the Mayor to sign off for the loan application in the amount of \$2 million dollars. The loan can only be in the Town of Eva's name but the town is not responsible for the loan in any manner. Should Johnson Emu, Inc. default on this loan, whatever dollar amount is in default will reduce the total funds available the next year for the State of Alabama. Should any financial problems arise on the repayment, HUD officials will meet with Johnson Emu, Inc. to try and resolve any problems. The application process will take approximately two weeks. Once the loan is approved she will administer all funds and all records will remain at Eva Town Hall. She explained that in some cases the Mayor has to sign checks but the Federal Government will decide how the account will be set up.

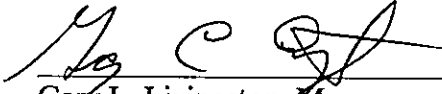
Mr. Mosteller asked who would be responsible for consultant fees. Mr. Johnson advised that Johnson Emu, Inc. is responsible and Mrs. Loftin assured they would be or it would come from the loan proceeds. Mr. Alexander then asked Mrs. Loftin what documentation will be used for the Town of Eva or does the Mayor sign anything brought to him for purchases? Mrs. Loftin assured Mr. Alexander that ADECA will make the necessary documentation and only the necessary purchases will be made.

Clerk then asked Mrs. Loftin if Johnson Emu, Inc. will pay sales/use tax on purchases since that is a main source of revenue for the town. Mrs. Loftin stated that she would find out and contact council.

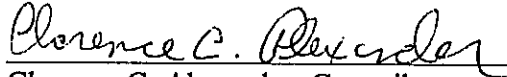
During the discussion concerning information in Eva Town Hall as public records, Mr. Johnson voiced his concern for personal financial records. Mrs. Loftin then advised that since Federal Funds would be used for this industry and since files will be maintained in Eva Town Hall, all these records will be public records and can be requested for public view.

After lengthy discussion, Councilmember Fowler introduced Resolution # 98-2, Eva Town Council authorizing the filing of loan funds from Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs for Economic Development to be used to complete Johnson Emu, Inc. Processing Plant, and authorizing Mayor Gary Livingston as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such information as may be required, and read at length. Councilmember Smith moved that all rules governing the council which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of the resolution at this meeting, be and the same are hereby suspended for the purpose of permitting the said resolution to be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. On roll call vote as follows:

"We, the undersigned members of the Town Council of the Town of Eva, Alabama, hereby waive notice of Called Council meeting for the purpose to discuss the proposed Medical Clinic and other financial matters, and do consent that said meeting be held at the Town Hall in the Town of Eva, Alabama, at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 21, 1998.



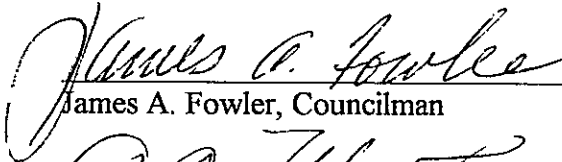
Gary L. Livingston, Mayor




Clarence C. Alexander, Councilman



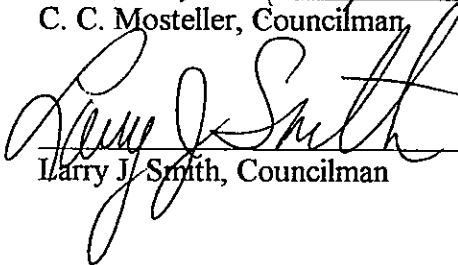
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James A. Fowler, Councilman



C. C. Mosteller, Councilman



Larry J. Smith, Councilman