

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on August 13, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, council members Burt Collins, C. C. Mosteller, Clarence Alexander, Kent Chambers, Brian Brown and Asst. Clerk Angela Holmes.

Guests: Chip Gardner, Gardner Architects
Bonnie Holmes, Eloise Livingston, Eva Library
Craig Holmes, Lyons Club
Jim Henderson
Larry Smith came in late.
Deputy Mike Corley came in late.

After roll call Mayor Livingston asked Mr. Mosteller to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Mosteller made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes until after hearing from our guests, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Livingston thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Craig Holmes. Mr. Holmes requested the use of the land between the Medical building and the Church of Christ for the Lyons Club to use for the circus on the 1st Tuesday in October. Mr. Collins made a move to allow them to use the land, Mr. Alexander seconded, motion carried. Mr. Mosteller abstained from voting being a Lyons Club member. Mr. Holmes left the meeting at 6:35.

Mayor thanked Mr. Gardner for coming to the meeting and explained to council members that Mr. Gardner is an architect from Birmingham that was interested in being considered for the New Town Hall. Mr. Gardner introduced himself. He has recently started his own architectural firm and wanted to talk to the council about being considered as architect for the New Town Hall. He has 17 years of experience in a wide range of buildings. Mr. Gardner offered free upfront services to help the Town get started on their New Town Hall project. His fees vary as to the depth of services performed. He thanked the council for allowing him to come. Mr. Gardner left the meeting at 6:42.

Mayor Livingston welcomed Jim Henderson to the meeting. Mr. Henderson wanted to know if the Town was going to spray for mosquitoes. Mayor Livingston explained that we have already talked to the county about it. The Town is considering purchasing its own sprayer. He also informed the council that 2 lights were out on the walking trail.

Mayor Livingston welcomed Bonnie Holmes and Eloise Livingston to the meeting. Mrs. Holmes reported on the Summer Reading Program. They had 65 children registered and they averaged 56 children at the programs with a total attendance of 500 at the 9 programs. The participating children read a total of 1,624 books. Several \$50 savings bonds and gifts were awarded to the children that read the most books and free coupons were given to all of the children.

The library had requested \$7,000.00 to purchase a new computer, scanner, receipt printer, supplies, a special program to be connected online with Wheeler Basin Regional Library (WBRL), up front connection fees, monthly fees for the connection for a year (\$110.00 per month) and phone line costs for a year (approximately \$50.00 per month). They would not set the connection

up until the end of 2003. Friends of the Library would pick these costs up after a year. After lengthy discussion it was decided that they would not need the connection fees and monthly fees until next fiscal year. There would be approximately \$2,000.00 left in their budget for this year after monthly costs and with an additional \$4,000.00 added to the budget there would be a sufficient amount to purchase the computer and the accessories they wanted (approximate cost - \$5,500.00). Mr. Mosteller made a move to revise the Library budget to \$14,000.00 in order to have funds to purchase the computer, Mr. Chambers seconded, motion carried. The ladies of the Library requested a copy of the Library budget so they would know how much they could spend. The Library ladies left at 7:21.

Mayor Livingston asked if everyone had read minutes of the July 9, 2002 regular council meeting Mr. Brown made a motion to approve, Mr. Chambers seconded, carried.

A. FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER

Mr. Mosteller made a move to adopt the revised budget, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Mosteller asked to be excused to attend revival services and left at 7:25.

B. UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander reported that the 6" water line was installed on Patton Road along with two additional fire hydrants. They were still flushing the line and would tie in to the residents some time next week. They had fixed the water leak at Bernice Oden's but not the one on Childers Road. They had marked it to be fixed.

Mr. Alexander reported that Joe Wheeler had replaced the lights but had left one undone. It is one that goes out when car lights hit the sensors.

C. STREETS, PARKS, & CEMETERIES - MR. BROWN

Mr. Brown reported that Jeff Frost has the poles on the dugouts done and is working on completing the tops.

Mayor Livingston reminded him about cleaning out the Eva Activities things from the storage building.

D. POLICE & FIRE - MR. CHAMBERS

Mr. Chambers report that we had 8 EMT calls, and 2 fire calls this past month.

Mr. Chambers reported that he met with Sheriff McBride. Sheriff McBride is against any satellite facility anywhere out in the county and will not even consider it. He was not aware of the rash of break-ins in the area and was going to check on it. Five investigators were out here until the Hulaco break-ins. They have a suspect and are getting close to an arrest. Sheriff McBride suggested that the Town add another deputy. This would require an additional salary of \$27,000.00. They also want a new car that would cost \$19,000.00. Mr. Chambers suggested tabling the idea of a new deputy until next fiscal year.

Deputy Mike Corley came in at 7:43. He discussed in length all of the incidents in the Eva area. There was a drive by shooting at Oden Ridge on Tom French Road. They have a suspect in that case. They also have a suspect in the recent jewelry and gun thefts. He said they were doing all they could to cover this area. Mayor Livingston thanked Deputy Corley for coming and commended him for the good job they are doing. Deputy Corley left at 8:08.

E. RECREATION & SANITATION – MR. COLLINS

Mr. Collins reported on the Morgan County Industrial Board Breakfast Meeting that he and Mayor Livingston attended. Checked on \$50,000.00 that was promised for the sewer system by the MCIB. The Town considered selling them the acreage on the east side of the road at the Industrial Park. They thought they had about 15 acres but only had 8.1. Discussed possibly selling plats 4 and 5 on the east side and 6, 7 and 8 on the west side (16.2 acres) at a price of \$5,000.00 per acre. Mr. Collins will give Jerry Miner a copy of the plats available and see if the MCIB will approve the sale.

Hay for Frontiers Day was discussed. Paul Holmes has offered to rent hay to the Town. He will deliver and pick up the hay. The town will purchase any bales that are destroyed.

Frontier Day set-up and clean up by prisoners was discussed. The new sheriff may not be aware that the Town has used them in the past. Mr. Collins will check on it.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

No Report

HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPOLOCS., COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUC. ETC

No Report

AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

Motion to pay bills – Mr. Collins motioned to pay bills, Mr. Brown seconded, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Livingston welcomed Larry Smith to the meeting. Mr. Smith requested that the council seriously consider adopting a planning commission. Mr. Smith was concerned that there is no coverage in the city limits by the Morgan County Sub-division standards. He was concerned that some things had slipped through due to no Sub-division standards within the city limits of Eva. He suggested that the council needs to make arrangements for control as far as property lines, sewer lines, driveways and such are concerned.

Mr. Smith congratulated the council on procuring the \$200,000.00 grant for the sewer system. He stated that he knew how much work and effort had been put in to getting the sewer system started. Mr. Smith requested that the council consider running the sewer

lines down 55E as far as Foodland. He desperately needs the sewer for his businesses to help with the great amount of water that has to run through his septic system. He stated that he would appreciate it.

Discussed purchasing lighted snowflake decorations for the power poles for Christmas. So far there has been response from several business and commitments to purchase 17. Mr. Chambers made a move to purchase 5 snowflakes at a cost of \$525.00 plus shipping, Mr. Collins seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Vva Town Clerk