

Minutes of regular meeting of Eva Town Council held on 9 July 2024 at 6:30 PM at Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Gary Livingston, Council Members: Johnny Persall, Kent Chambers, and Edsel Childers, Martin Nelson, Clerk Kathy Taylor and Assistant Clerk Kimberly Cryer. Ripley Fowler absent due to vacation.

Guests: Josh Livingston, Nolan West, Roger Burrows, Joyce Woodall, Mike Kelley, Terri Hightower Josh Melson, Charles Stephens, Seth Emerson, Jason Page, Caleb Bray, Jason Holmes, and Julie Mooney.

Mayor called meeting to order; After roll call Mayor Livingston informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objects, we will abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected, mayor also asked if everyone could keep Joe Hill and Pam Morgan's dad in their prayers Council Member Nelson led in prayer.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to approve minutes of 13 June 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Persall so motioned; Mr. Nelson seconded; All ayes-motion carried.

#### **A. FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY– MR. CHAMBERS**

- Recognized Joyce Woodall, Librarian who shared Summer Reading program finished.
- Spoke with Eva School and test scores came back for their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, and they scored fantastic would like the town to recognize them later.
- Met with Dale Strong staff member Josh Melson about the expansion needed for the library and for the fire station. They talked about getting grants either 100 percent or 80/20 all grants need to be show ready Jan/Feb when appropriations are ready to be handed out for fiscal year 2025.
- Asked if we could transfer monies from the general fund account in the sewer for the grant payouts then once the town gets reimbursed, we transfer the money back from sewer to general fund. Mr. Chambers so motioned; Mr. Nelson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

#### **B. UTILITIES & STREETS – MR. CHILDERS**

- Stated he hasn't heard of any updates on Highway 55 paving.
- Stated he talked with Joe Wheeler about the pine tree that was struck by lightning and they said it had to be leaning toward a structure for them to be able to take care of it. Mayor said that he would reach back out to Joe Wheeler.

#### **C. PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL**

- Asked Kathy to check with our insurance company about bounce houses being covered, and they said, since it's not considered amusement park it would be covered. Larry Madison suggested that we pass an ordinance and put permits in place for future town events.
- Asked Seth Emerson if they are renting out the fields. Seth stated that if they do rent it out, they charge \$45 a kid and they practice 2 days a week. He did mention that they do not rent out the concession stand. Johnny suggested that the usage of the concession stand be determined by Eva Activities.
- Julie asked if privilege licenses were needed for the Pop-up Farmers Market and council were all in agreement that they didn't need them.
- Stated that Myra Campbell will oversee concessions starting this season.

**POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR. FOWLER**

- Stated that he hasn't heard anything from Don Stisher about the helipad and wanted to know if we would have to rewrite the grant or if we could pay someone to get the work done that Stisher was going to do.

**D. SANITATION & BUILDINGS – MR. NELSON**

- Mentioned sewer project closeout just waiting on Joe and Mikey to finish purchasing the approved equipment.

**E. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

**F. AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS**

Mayor requested a motion to pay bills. Mr. Chambers so motioned. Mr. Childers seconded; All Ayes-motion carried.

**G. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OR BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston**

**H. NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Livingston**

- Stated the church property that is listed at \$112,000.00, would be a great place for a future VFD and a new library and the existing house would have to be torn down. Mayor did say he talked with Matthew Frost and he would be willing to tear down house. The ladies at the library were very excited about turning the church into a library and preserving the church. Mr. Nelson motioned that we make the bid \$112,000.00 Mr. Persall seconded; all ayes-motion carried to purchase the church property.
- Asked if anyone would be interested in doing a look around the church Friday
- Recognized Seth Emerson who asked if the town would be willing to remodel the concession stand. It needs a new 3 compartment sink, and windows replaced. Mayor stated that once the sidewalks were done that they would consider it as a winter project.
- Asked that food trucks only be allowed in scheduled events.

Mayor Livingston requested a motion to adjourn, Mr. Chambers so motioned, Mr. Childers seconded; All Ayes- motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk