

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on August 12, 1997, at 7:30 P.M. in the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, C. C. Mosteller, Clarence Alexander, James Fowler, Larry Smith, and Bert Collins. Guest present: Eloise Livingston, Chairman of Library Board and Medical Board, Deputy Hudson, and Steve Henderson.

After roll call, Mr. Collins opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Fowler made motion to dispense reading minutes until hearing from guests, Mr. Alexander second, carried.

Steve Henderson and Deputy Hudson stated they did not have a report but wanted to hear the meeting.

Mrs. Livingston gave the library report and submitted the budget request for 1997/98 year for \$3,000.00. She added that the budget of \$3,000.00 did not include utilities, telephone, cleaning or maintenance, nor any upkeep. The town needed to increase the operating budget above the needs for the library. Mayor Livingston advised that the revenue is very limited and at the present time was overspent for the library. The request would be taken into consideration by the council during the work sessions.

Mrs. Livingston also advised that she did not know how far to pursue obtaining Dr. Weathers to practice in Eva. She had a source for an EKG machine which could cost \$6,000 to \$9,500 but had also found a used one. Dr. Weathers has requested that some equipment be furnished. Without knowing how much farther to plan she could not discuss it further with Dr. Weathers. Mayor advised Mrs. Livingston to seek Dr. Weathers full intentions with an agreement to meet with the Medical Board and Council to discuss this matter at length. Mrs. Livingston again advised council that Dr. Weathers wants a private practice and did not want to be managed by a medical group.

After reading minutes of July 8, Mr. Alexander made motion to approve, Mr. Smith second, carried. After reading minutes of July 17, Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Mosteller second, carried.

#### **FINANCE & EDUCATION - MR. MOSTELLER**

Mr. Mosteller stated that since have heard from Mrs. Livingston concerning a doctor to open the medical office, he suggests to repair the office or sell it. Mayor advised that Mr. Fowler, Mr. Smith, and he would meet Wednesday, August 13, to get an estimate for repairs.

Mr. Mosteller advised that he understands some work needs to be done at the Nutrition Site. Mayor advised that the shrubbery needs trimmed, cleaned around, and maybe some removed but there is a dire need for this work. Some electrical work must be done to lighting. Mr. Fowler stated he would take John Smith to the site for recommendation on trimming/removing shrubbery. Mr. Mosteller will get Charles Ford to give recommendations also. Mr. Smith will get an estimate for replacing the metal front door for glass double doors. He will also get an estimate for replacing/repairing the front door of Town Hall.

Mr. Smith advised that Curtis Kirsch, Architect, did not think the medical office complex could be reduced in size/cost and maintain the space needed for a doctor and dentist. He will discuss its again this week with Mr. Kirsch. Mayor added that the one cent sales tax is needed whether the town could build this building or not. He will discuss the sales tax ordinance status with Larry Madison, attorney, and ask him to attend the work session on Wednesday, August 20, 1997.

#### **UTILITIES - MR. ALEXANDER**

Mr. Alexander reported that he has talked with Mr. Baker of Cullman County Water Dept. Concerning the broken chunk of cement from around the hydrant at Edsel Childer's property and concerning the

water leak on Murphree Road. Mr. Baker advised that he will fill out a work order. Mr. Collins advised that there is still water in the ditch as discussed. He has dug the ditch several times but it still has water standing in it. Mr. Alexander advised Mr. Collins and Mr. Childers should call and ask the status of this work order.

### **STREETS, PARKS, AND CEMETERIES - MR. FOWLER**

Mr. Fowler ask what are the complaints concerning clean up of Park, Nutrition Site, and grounds as listed on the agenda. Clerk advised that complaints are that several areas grown up with grass and weeds around the picnic tables and walking trail at the park, the shrubbery needs trimmed, some removed, and cleaned out at the Nutrition Site. Also, the grass is being mowed when wet, then it clumps up and is very unsightly to the town surroundings. One complaint was that the if there is going to be a town it needs to be kept better. Mr. Fowler advised that Mr. Moore would need assistance in order to keep the grounds any better than they are at present. Mr. Smith advised that he would contact Sheriff Crabbe concerning in-mates to assist in clean-up before Frontier Days.

Mr. Fowler advised that another weedeater is needed that uses string to cut grass. The one that town owns is for cutting brush and will not cut the grass. Mayor advised Mr. Fowler to purchase a weedeater that will cut the grass.

Mr. Fowler advised that paving is complete on Edgewood Street and is a very good job by Shelby Contracting. Mr. Collins advised that road in front of drive-way to Bob Hager's residence is now broke and also in front of Edsel Childers property.

Mr. Fowler suggested that \$20,000 per year should be budgeted for paving roads. Mayor stated that council needs to meet with Morgan County Commission to determine who is responsible for county roads #55 and #35 Eva Road. He will also discuss this with Larry Madison, attorney. Mr. Henderson, resident present at meeting, asked when Ryan Road would be paved? Mayor advised that Ryan Road is not deeded to Town of Eva yet, in addition, county road department will not be able to prepare the road for paving due to their workload until later into the fall season.

### **POLICE & FIRE - MR. SMITH**

Mr. Smith advised that the annual truck payment has been made and the new radios have arrived at Morgan County VFD office. He advised there is new vision equipment available that indicates when people are present in a burning structure. Mr. Smith advised that the funds might be set aside toward obtaining this special equipment since it could save a life. Deputy Hudson advised that the sub-station needs some cleaning around then he plans to have it in operation at least three days per week by volunteers.

### **RECREATION & SANITATION - MR. COLLINS**

Mr. Collins advised that Terry Childers has offered 250 bales of hay for Frontier Days @\$1.25 if it is picked up and stored until needed. Mayor advised there are no employees or anyone available to pick up hay nor a building to store it but if he wants to sell the hay, deliver it the week of Frontier Days, and then remove it afterwards, the town would purchase it at \$1.25 per bale.

After discussion on the burned debris at the Eva Tire Shop, Mayor will find out who will be willing to volunteer to clean up around it since there is a mosquito problem.

### **NO REPORTS ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES & OFFICERS**

**HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, APPLICS., COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNC. , ETC.**

Numerous complaints on condition of grounds at park with grass and weeds, shrubbery around Nutrition Site, and mowing grass while wet with dew discussed during reports on Parks, Streets, & Cemeteries.

**AUDITING ACCOUNTS**

After reviewing expenses for August, Mr. Fowler made motion to transfer funds from general fund operating account to Gasoline Tax Fund \$.07 to pay bills, Mr. Alexander second, carried. Mr. Mosteller made motion to transfer funds from medical board account to general fund operating account pay bills, Mr. Collins second, carried. Mr. Alexander made motion to pay bills, Mr. Fowler second, carried.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, & OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor advised that two prices submitted to replace vinyl on Old Town Hall as follows:

Heritage Vinyl	\$2400.00
Delta Discount	\$2872.00

Estimates on file. Another price will be obtained.

Mr. Alexander advised that S. D. Childers will spread the dirt on Walking Trail and around the picnic tables.

Mayor advised that a work session will be Wednesday, August 20, 1997, at 2:00 P.M., Eva Town Hall.

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

Approved

2/9/97

Attest:

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Eva Town Clerk