

Minutes of Meeting of Eva Town Council held in regular session on December 10, 1981, 7 p.m., attended by Mayor Ryan, Councilmen Livingston, Morgan and Hipps, and Morgan County Sheriff Buford Burgess. After the meeting was called to order by the Mayor, a motion was offered by Livingston, seconded by Morgan, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting until after Sheriff Burgess could take care of his business with the Council.

The Mayor called on Sheriff Burgess to bring the Council up to date on what he had in mind as to more protection for the Town of Eva. Sheriff Burgess explained the difficulty he has in covering the County with the number of people he has, but that it is working better now that they have divided the County in half; using the interstate as the dividing line; and assigning certain ones to cover in their area. He said that response time has improved. As to the assignment of a policeman for the Town of Eva, he handed out a sheet (copy attached for the record) specifying what it would cost for 1 deputy, including automobile, uniforms, insurance, training and equipment, which totaled \$30,941.41. He said that much of this would be a one-time capital outlay, and after this initial outlay it would probably run around \$11,000 or \$12,000 per year.

The Mayor told him that the Town of Eva wants to work with the County in conjunction with this, and that we might be able to share in the outlay if they would come up with the salary, or maybe furnish the car, or share in the salary, or some kind of agreement. Mr. Burgess said that the next step for us would be to get with Mr. Waddell and the Commissioner and see what we might be able to work out with them. He would go to the meeting, too. He said that he would offer to take the load off the Town of Eva by having the deputy report directly to him, if it works out that we get a deputy assigned to Eva. He will cooperate in whatever way he can to help the Town of Eva.

The Mayor told Sheriff Burgess that the Town of Eva would like to contribute to the Narcotics Fund regularly, to which Mr. Burgess expressed appreciation. He was then excused from the meeting, and the meeting was opened for regular business.

Minutes of the Nov. 12 regular meeting and the Nov. 19 call meeting were read and approved. Financial report was accepted as presented, giving end-of-November balances as follows:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 4,673.00
General Fund Passbook Savings	33.30
General Fund Certificates of Deposit	40,000.00
General Fund Easy Access	16,000.00
Gasoline Tax Fund	114.79
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,432.76
Volunteer Fire Department	1,099.63
Hazard Savings Account	8,900.00
Hazard Checking Account	150.51

Status of old business items were discussed as follows:

- (1) The Town of Eva did not purchase the land mentioned in the Nov. 19 call meeting.
- (2) The Clerk received another estimate for paving the parking lot from Green's Asphalt & Paving. This one was also for \$2150. The Mayor asked the clerk to file these for the time being, since it will be Springtime before this work can be done. He said that we will still try to get the County to do this.
- (3) We don't have the paint yet for the CETA worker to paint the building trim, etc. Ray Morgan said that he had 3 cans that he will bring up to Town Hall if it can be used.

(4) The Clerk reported on her discussion with Steve Cooley about the first step to be taken about getting a bank in the Town of Eva. He said that we should contact the large banks that do business in Morgan County, such as the First National, First Alabama, or Central, to see if they would be interested. If they think there would be enough business in Eva to make it profitable, they might consider it. The rest would be up to them. They have to go to federal government for clearance and have the total responsibility for establishing the bank. A second way would be for interested citizens in Eva to organize a bank, like any corporation. If this method is decided upon, he will be happy to work with the Mayor and Council on procedures involved. Also, if the first method is chosen and there doesn't seem to be any interest from the bank officials in the County, Steve has contacts at AmSouth and other holding companies of these banks that are located in Birmingham. He can give names and addresses if we need them later on. The Mayor said that before we take any action on this, he would like to talk to a person in Priceville involved in getting two banks there.

New business:

- (1) The Mayor said that Norris Turney at NARCOG said that they would give us some money to build a building for the Senior Citizens if we can come up with some property. He said that we can get money to help us with developing our property if we can buy some. He asked the Committee to be looking around for some land to buy.
- (2) The Clerk told the Council that the new contract from the County on the Eva Nutrition Site for the Senior Citizens will be available for the Mayor's signature next week. There are no changes to the services. In order not to hold up this matter for another month, the Mayor asked the Council whether they wanted to support this project for another year. Motion was offered by Livingston, seconded by Hipps that we continue this project for another year, and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract.
- (3) The Clerk passed on the invitation from Jack Morgan to all members of the Council, with spouses, to attend the opening of the "Morgan Wood Shed" on December 26 at 7 p.m. He is calling it a "chord busting extravaganza."
- (4) The Mayor stated that when Junior Waddell is back from his trip, he would like to invite him and the Commissioner and the Sheriff out here to discuss the police business, and also money for a building. He said that this would be a call meeting.
- (5) The Mayor reported that they were putting city water in at the Senior Citizens Center. He said that we may have to call a meeting when the bill comes to authorize payment. He said that no motion was needed to go ahead with this matter since it was voted on by the Council some time ago to do this in case their water problem wasn't settled.
- (6) The Mayor reported that we had a bill from Morgan County for \$5584.58 which needs to be paid. He stated that there is still some work to be done, such as in front of the 4-Way Store, and the building across the street that got some damage. He pointed out that we didn't break the window while this Gas Leak Work was going on; that was done by someone else. It was reported that the lid was still off the septic tank. Terrell Livingston said that he has a boom on his tractor, and that he will take care of that lid. Council voted to pay the County's bill.
- (7) Council voted to transfer \$1400 from the Revenue Sharing Fund to the Volunteer Fire Dept. account to pay for some equipment that is now ordered, and also to authorize John to get two wrecking bars. Livingston offered the motion, seconded by Morgan to pay other bills as follows: phone bill \$36.30; water bill \$6.76; electric bill \$17.47; 3 electric bills at Senior Citizens Center \$139.67; Gas for Senior Citizens \$155.80; office supplies \$31.53; garbage bags \$2.50; carpet & installation \$698.49; clerk's salary for Nov. \$126.28; Gas for VFD \$171; insurance for 1960 truck \$55.34; gas for fire trucks \$28.75; bill for street lights \$122.98.

There being no further business, Livingston offered the motion, seconded by Morgan that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved: 1-21-82