

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Eva Town Council held on December 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at the Eva Town Hall. Present: Mayor Livingston, Council Members Jim Henderson, Johnny Persall, Kent Chambers, Bert Collins, Brandlee Shadden and Clerk Judy Fortenberry.

Guests: Joe Hill, Patrick Patterson, Eva School, Betty Golden, Eva Library, Gene Fox, McLemore Consulting, Ron Stone, Cullman County Water Department

Mayor called the meeting to order; all council members present. After roll call, informed all present that we open our meetings with prayer, if anyone objected we would abstain from this practice at tonight's meeting. No one objected, Mayor asked Mr. Henderson to open with prayer.

Mr. Collins motion to dispense with reading of the November minutes until after hearing from our guest, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

Mayor Livingston turned the meeting over to Mr. Patterson with the Eva School. Mr. Patterson asked the Council to consider creating a scholarship fund for student that attends Eva School before going to Brewer High School. He stated that he thinks students would make better grades and stay in school if they know they have a chance at a scholarship. He also stated that this funds does not have to be set up in one year, we could start off with maybe \$1,000 then next year add additional money as the town is able too. Once we have enough to award a scholarship we could have the students apply to the town. He feels this is a way to get the children at Eva School to look forward and know that they can get a collage education.

Mr. Henderson stated he would be more than glad to give money for this and we could ask others in the community along with the Art Guild and the Lions Club to contribute to this cause. Mr. Patterson stated he would be willing to work with us on this project. He appreciated the opportunity to come and talk to the council about this project.

Mayor turned the meeting over to Ron Stone with the Cullman County Water Board. Mr. Stone asked the Council and Mayor to request a review of the accounting practices of the Cullman County Commission concerning the money that is paid for water through the Cullman County Water Department. He feels that the County Commission is spending money they should not for projects that are not needed. He also mentioned that Eva and surrounding communities are paying more for water than we should be. He thinks that the people using the water should take control of the board and set-up a board with the water users. Requested that we send a letter with a resolution requesting Jeremy Oden our State Representative to check into this problem.

Mayor Livingston turned the meeting over to Mr. Fox, Mr. Fox stated he wanted to offer free grant writing for the Veteran's Memorial by McLemore Consulting stated there are several areas to look for the money needed, and they are willing to provide grant writing services at no charge. Mr. Henderson will get with Mr. Fox after the Christmas break.

Mayor asked if everyone had read the minutes of the November 14, 2010 Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Henderson motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Persall seconded, carried.

A: FINANCE, EDUCATION & LIBRARY- MR. CHAMBERS

Mr. Chambers asked Ms Golden if she had any thing to bring before the council, she stated no.

B: UTILITIES & STREETS– MR. SHADDEN

Mr. Shadden reported that he had not talked with Mr. Stisher about the problem in front of the Childers property. Mr. Persall reported that he had talked with Mr. Stisher and Mr. Stisher thinks our problem starts at the four-way, and to correct the problem we need to do the drainage from the four-way pasted the Childers property. This would include digging up the flower bed in front of the bank. The County would be willing to work with the Town if the Town would pay for the pipe that is needed. Also, we would need to hire an engineer to do the design. It was also, stated that something needs to be done at the intersection of Morgan Drive and Hwy 55 E, with the drainage. Mayor stated these roads and right-of-ways belong to the Morgan County and not the Town of Eva.

C: PARKS, RECREATION & CEMETERIES – MR. PERSALL

Mr. Persall reported ADECA has two trailers at the surplus store that we might need, John and Joe will look at them and see if we can use them. John stated he thinks he could use one for the park, Joe stated he did not think they would work for the sewer plant.

Mr. Persall wanted to know if we could work out an agreement for five years with Shannon Brown to use the Livingston Property. Was stated that we need to do something about the drainage and we need to check into cutting down the pole on the Carnell Property.

D: POLICE, FIRE & GRANTS – MR HENDERSON

Mr. Henderson reported he is looking into a grant for new lighting at the fire station, and a new heat pump.

F: SANITATION & BUILDINGS –MR. COLLINS

Mr. Hill reported all is well at the sewer plant.

Clerk reported that EPA has requested we use the remaining money in the agreement we have for Phase II of the Sewer Plant. There is approximately \$9,000 left in the grant, we will have to match this money so we are looking at approximately \$8,500 of our money. We can use this money for equipment for the sewer plant, truck, trailer, or a building if needed. EPA will have to approve the purchase before we can purchase.

Mr. Chamber's motion to take our match out of the contingency fund, Mr. Collins seconded, carried.

5. HEARINGS ON PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS, COMMUNIC. ETC

6. AUDITING ACCOUNTS – MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS & PAY BILLS

Mr. Persall motion to pay bills Mr. Shadden seconded carried.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS & OTHER BUSINESS

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New Business: Mayor reported that he will be the Treasurer for the North Alabama Mayor's Association this coming year.

Old Business: None

Mr. Henderson motion to adjourn Mr. Chambers seconded, carried.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

Town Clerk